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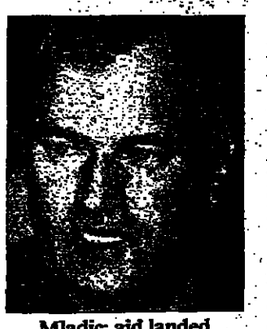
■ The American air drop into Bosnia raises the question of whether it will inflame rather than pacify the warring factions it has been dispatched to help

BY BILL FROST IN KISELJAK, CENTRAL BOSNIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICAN aircraft were last night flying a second aid mission to besieged areas of Bosnia after an initial air drop left up to 21 tonnes of food and medicine in the hands of attacking Serbs.

Only one package from Sunday night's flight is known to have reached the starving Muslims for whom it was intended. The rest is thought to have fallen on Serb lines or in the mountains surrounding the target town of Ceska, which has had no aid since war broke out ten months ago.

As the American Hercules transporters were flying in their aid, Serbs on the ground were bombarding the last government-held enclave in eastern Bosnia. Radio-bases reported that Ceska was burning and one suggested that American pilots may have thought the house fires were beacons to show them where to drop their supplies. Yesterday morning, Serb troops moved in on the region after the night's bombardment by tanks and artillery, and thousands of villagers were reported to have fled to nearby woods, valleys and mountains.



Mladic: aid landed in Serb-held areas

One high-ranking officer with the UN force in the region predicted that the enclave would fall within the week, and General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Serb forces in Bosnia, said that while his troops had not yet taken Ceska, "it is only a matter of time".

General Mladic confirmed that some of the American aid had landed in Serb-held areas, "where it was not intended", and the Bosnian deputy prime minister, Zlatko Lagumdzija, said: "According to our information, all the packages fell at Ceska into Serb hands."

The Americans insisted, however, that Sunday night's mission had gone to plan, although there was a paucity of firm intelligence from the ground. Brigadier General Donald Loranger, commander of the airlift wing at the Rhein Main base outside Frankfurt, told a press conference: "I am hopeful and indeed confident that a number of people are better off than a few hours ago."

UN officials in charge of the relief operations expected the air drops to become more efficient with each flight. Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Belgrade, said: "In many cases, it took us a few attempts to get aid through to the places where it was needed. If this is the only way to get aid through, we will keep trying."

In Bosnia, however, there was scepticism. One aid worker said: "It is a gesture, and a pretty ineffectual one at that. The vast majority of food gets through by road. The US air drop could jeopardise that operation if the Serbs retaliate by halting our trucks at their checkpoints."

An American officer was also dismissive. He said: "The president was informed by his most senior advisers that this was not favoured. The air drop could prompt retaliation and hinder the road convoys. Also, there was no guarantee the food would actually feed the hungry." The officer described the operation as a gesture the Clinton administration felt compelled to make after sounding so tough during the presidential campaign.

In Washington, a spokesman for General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, refused to comment on whether he had been advised that airdops could be dangerous or ineffective, or on what he had recommended to the president.

While Nato approved the aid mission, none of America's allies offered to send aircraft to join the operation, saying low-altitude air drops would be too risky and high-altitude drops too inaccurate.

The American intervention appeared to go hand-in-hand with an upsurge in fighting, although the latest offensive may also be an attempt to strengthen the Serb position at the latest round of UN peace talks in New York.

With the predicted fall of Cerska, preparations were under way yesterday to accommodate a fresh wave of refugees. At the same time, ethnic cleansing in the area is gathering momentum in advance of the expected cantonisation of the republic.

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Faces of grief: a policeman wiping away tears outside the church where the service for James took place yesterday

Death was not in vain, says priest

BY RONALD FAUX

THE death of James Bulger, murdered three weeks ago after he wandered away from his mother in a shopping mall in Liverpool, was not in vain but should send a message to the world, mourners at his requiem Mass were told yesterday.

Hundreds of mourners, journalists and television crews packed the Sacred Heart Church near James's home in Kirkby, Merseyside. Outside, a crowd stood for two hours in flurries of snow and a biting wind.

The moving and dignified service began with the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" and included modern songs chosen by the Bulger family. Father Michael O'Connell, the parish priest who has helped to comfort the family since James disappeared, told the congregation that time did not heal, but helped people to cope a little bit better.

He said that good things would come from the tragedy in terms of community projects and help for other children. A fund has been set up in memory of James to help to launch such projects. "Something in James Patrick has touched the whole world, making them respond. It is drawing something out of us deep down. The death of an innocent child is causing us to do something about it to make life better."

Fr O'Connell said that James had influenced many people's lives. "Let him continue to influence us, and let all that he stood for — his innocence, his love of life, love of music, good humour, his fun and his spontaneity — continue to come to us now. Let us continue to show this to one another and to spread it out throughout the rest of Kirkby, Northwood and Merseyside. Let it not end here but let this be the beginning. Life has changed, it has not ended. Let that change be as best we can make it." He

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Maxwell forged £37m profit

BY ANGELA MACKAY

UNEVEN typefaces on four photocopied documents led investigators from Price Waterhouse to conclude that the late Robert Maxwell forged several deals to inflate profits at his master company by £37 million in 1991.

Price Waterhouse, administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation, embarked on a paper trail 14 months ago that took them through the contents of 2,000 crates of documents and transactions worth £18 billion.

In American court documents released last night, they concluded that not only had Mr Maxwell been stealing from the company and its pension funds, he had allegedly been faking deals to flatter his profits. David Lee, who led the investigation, said he still did not know the full extent because hundreds more documents must be reexamined.

Investigators began to suspect certain currency deals were bogus after checking four memoranda of foreign exchange deals with one of the company's banks which was named on the papers. When the bank could find no record, Price Waterhouse looked at the photocopies more closely and found that different typefaces were used and that some of the typing was askew.

Mr Maxwell's initials were on three of the four of the papers but despite length enquiries, no one else at MCC could remember anything about the deals which involved the money being paid by the bank to a private Maxwell company that passed the cash onto MCC.

The investigators are considering legal action against Coopers & Lybrand, MCC's auditors, but in the first instance have requested access to Coopers' files. Coopers & Lybrand said last night that the firm knew of no reason to doubt its audit.

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Birt joins BBC staff and loses tax perk

BY IAN MURRAY

JOHN Birt, the freelance director-general of the BBC for the past two months, joined the staff yesterday, only a day after it emerged that he had been avoiding tax on more than half his income by having his salary paid into a private company.

He was given the corporation's top job at Christmas but the terms and conditions of his employment were only completed yesterday after protests raised by the revelation that he was exploiting a tax loophole.

Mr Birt said: "The argument has been made strongly in the past few days that it is



inappropriate for the director-generalship to be occupied by someone who is not an employee of the BBC. I recognise the force of that argument and I have today told the BBC I would like to accept their offer to change my status and to become a member of the BBC's staff."

The BBC admitted that Mr Birt had been employed as a freelance ever since he joined the corporation as deputy director-general in 1987. Lord Barnett, vice-chairman of the board of governors, said the corporation agreed to this

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Prince of Wales demotes himself from top-rank polo

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DISCREET efforts to rehabilitate the image of the Prince of Wales, after his separation and the disclosure of the so-called Camillagate tape, took a fresh turn yesterday. Buckingham Palace confirmed that the prince is to retire from first-rank polo, a move which will conveniently enable him to sever all connection with his manager, Major Ronald Ferguson.

At the same time the Princess of Wales, who today begins a five-day tour of Nepal with Baroness Chalker, the overseas development minister, suffered the indignity of disclosure in Australia of what are claimed to be further extracts from the so-called "Squidgy" tapes, said to be a recording of an intimate conversation between her and her friend James Gilbey.

The prince will continue to play his favourite sport, but less often and at a lower level. From high-goal polo, the game's premier division, he will move to medium-goal matches, the rough equivalent of a football league demotion. Sources within the game had little doubt that the decision was a means of distancing himself from Major Ferguson. The major has acted as the prince's unpaid polo manager for more than a decade, but was forced to leave the Guards Polo Club four years ago after disclosures of his visits to a West End massage parlour.

Recent disclosures of an alleged affair between Major Ferguson and Lesley Player, who has published a book claiming to detail their liaison, appear to have been the last

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British Gas break-up proposed by Ofgas

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A BREAK-UP of British Gas, involving the creation of 12 regional companies competing to supply householders, is being proposed by Ofgas, the industry's regulator.

Under proposals sent to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, regional utilities could vie with both each other and new rivals to provide electricity as well as gas to homes throughout Britain.

British Gas reacted with fury. Robert Evans, its chairman, said the move could mean higher bills for customers. Iari Powe, head of the Gas Consumers' Council, also had serious reservations. British Gas was already improving its service to customers, he said.

But John Dorken, deputy head of Ofgas, said: "We would hope that costs would go down as more competition comes into play and efficiencies are improved."

The creation of separate supply businesses would be part of a wider break-up. British Gas is already on course to hive-off its core transmission business.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Noble Lords and noble sentiments

The Lords know their history. Debating whether the housing bill expropriates, they cite a famous precedent: the Slavery Act of 1833, depriving planters of their slaves. Some peers can almost remember it.

1833! How did MPs react in 1833? Your sketchwriter chose to give today's MPs a miss, and turn back 160 years. *The Times* reported the entire debate. I stumbled on a noble speech.

First, there was an anti-slavery petition ...

"... from 187,000 females. (A laugh.) Mr F BUXTON wished to consult with the Speaker as to the manner in which he should get it to the table, for it was too heavy to carry. (A laugh.) Much merriment was occasioned by the Speaker directing that it should lie upon the table. After lying there for about two minutes it was dragged out by two messengers amidst loud cries of 'Oh!'. The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole house upon the subject of negro slavery."

Then a Mr Stanley, secretary for the colonies, rose. I select from his 20,000 word speech this remarkable passage arguing that it is useless expecting the West Indian colonies to accept advice already ignored ...

"He would begin with the recommendation respecting corporal punishment. An Order had explicitly laid it down that no slave should receive more than a certain amount of corporal punishment (39 lashes) in one day, and that female bodily punishment should be abolished altogether ...

"How were these recommendations acted upon by the colonial legislatures? Here, at last, was a definite and tangible test of their sincerity ... If there were one recommendation which appealed more than any other to the manhood, the humanity, the honour of the colonial legislators, it surely was that of the abolition of the corporal punishment of female slaves. (Hear, hear.) It was with a spirit, God knew, not of bitterness but of deep regret and sorrow, that he had to state that up to that very hour not a colony had abolished the practice. (Loud cries of 'Hear'.)"

Stanley is warming up ...

"... Talk of improving the social habits of the negro as an essential condition of his political improvement,— talk of developing and culturing his moral faculties, in the face of this monstrous abomination (cheers),— talk of ... teaching him to behold in his white master a guardian, a moral guide, an intellectual instructor, while his wife, daughter or sister was at the mere mercy, the wanton caprice, of some overseer who might at any moment inflict ... degrading punishment on her bare body (continued cheers),— was a mockery, a cruel insult. (Cheers.) How could a negro with such degrading and demoralizing facts staring him in the face improve as a moral being?

The time had gone by when Parliament could decide the question whether slavery should or should not be perpetual. The question now to be decided was, what was the safest, the speediest, and the most effective method of securing its entire abolition. (Great cheering.)"

... And so, through reams of faint, tiny print, to this:

"I know the difficulties. But still I bring it forward, in the confident hope of securing to all ranks and classes and colours of His Majesty's subjects a virtual extinction of the horrors of slavery. [And] every trace which mars the face of freedom will be erased forever from our laws. (Great cheering.)"

What dragons there were, once, to slay!

Archbishop defends televised remarks on Tory policies and crime

Habgood attacks media 'sensationalism'

BY JOHN VINCENT

THE Archbishop of York has criticised the media for the way it reported his weekend remarks to suggest that Conservative policies were to blame for the alleged upsurge in juvenile delinquency.

In a letter to *The Times*, published today, Dr John Habgood says he is "constantly amazed by the ability of the news media to make bricks without straw".

He says claims that church and state are at loggerheads over the causes of crime and the contention that he was attacking the government are a good example of the way in which "sensational meanings are imposed by journalists on the most insubstantial foundations".

In a television interview with David Frost on Sunday, Dr Habgood said that criminality went through all classes, but unemployment was a key problem. He added: "The government, with its strong emphasis on competitive success, feeds the notion that in our society, in a sense, we are against each other and one does need some countervailing forces to show that actually true human life is about co-operation."

In today's letter, the archbishop says topics discussed in the interview included original sin, moral uncertainty and bewilderment, the effects of social change since the 1960s, the dangers of boredom and rootlessness among young people and the likelihood that unemployment would be a long-term problem.

"Any or all of these factors, plus many others may contribute to the causes of crime, which has been increasing in a variety of political climates since the 1960s," he writes. Dr Habgood says people turn to crime for a multitude of reasons and that the causes included a mixture of personal choice and social conditioning. "This is why it is so ... irresponsible to sensationalise such differences as part of some political football match.

"Unless the media can help us to communicate about such matters without constantly presenting what we say in confrontational terms, we are doomed to remain locked in endless future squabbles."

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, entered the debate about divisions between church and state by calling last night for a royal commission to look at the way society is heading.

In an interview on BBC2's *Newsnight*, Cardinal Hume said such a commission should investigate people's attitudes and types of behaviour and look at the role of families, schools and communities in society.

Asked about the relationship between politicians and the church, he said the two should work together, not against each other. "Both politicians and the church deal with people and their welfare," he said, "so it has to be collaboration, not opposition." Cardinal Hume said the prime minister's remark on criminals that "we should condemn more and understand less" was too simple.

"You always condemn what is wrong, but we also have to understand why it happens. We should all look into our hearts as well as into the deeper recesses of our inner selves. There is always then potential for evil, pride, lust, greed, envy."

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Floral tribute: a woman pinning a daffodil in the Prince of Wales's lapel on a visit to St David's yesterday

Prince sets out to rebuild public image

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straw for the prince, who is anxious to discard all unwanted baggage and re-establish his position as a respected public figure.

The prince wishes to be seen to have a renewed commitment to his portfolio of causes. The palace will shortly announce that he has been appointed chairman of the board of trustees being set up to run the Royal Collection, which is to be operated as a separate entity from the royal household following the Queen's decision to pay income tax.

In May he will make an official visit to Poland, where he is likely to announce an important environmental initiative and in June he travels to the Czech Republic to launch the Prague Heritage Fund.

While the prince yesterday visited Pembrokeshire on St David's Day, television viewers were listening to what the Australian Broadcasting Corporation claimed was a section of the "Squidgy" tape which *The Sun* felt obliged to edit out when it published last year its transcript of the alleged conversation between the princess and Mr Gilbey.

On the tape the woman said to be the princess talks of her fears of becoming pregnant after watching an episode of the BBC soap opera *Eastenders* in which one of the characters had a child by another man. In the same programme Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, and James Rusbridger, a British writer on security matters, both claimed that the tape had been made by GCHQ, the government communications headquarters at Cheltenham.

Palace officials yesterday dismissed reports from Nepal that the authorities there had downgraded the level of the princess's visit, her first abroad since her separation.

Officials in Kathmandu have, however, said that they regard Baroness Chalker as equally important as she will be handing out the money.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Four from family die in bypass crash

Four members of one family are believed to have died in a three-car road accident yesterday in which a mother aged 24 and her baby son were killed. The other victims in the collision on the A47 Narborough bypass near King's Lynn, Norfolk, were a man and a woman thought to have been the mother's parents-in-law. Police named the victims as Lesley Bernard Henson, 49, and Sylvia Henson, 56, of Walpole St Peter near King's Lynn, and Wendy Critchlow, 24, and Mark Critchlow, two, of Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire. Police could not confirm they were all from the same family.

The drivers of the other cars, both men, were taken to hospital at King's Lynn, one with serious arm, leg and chest injuries and one with minor injuries who was later released. One other survivor of the accident was in a serious condition and undergoing surgery. The four who died were travelling in a Metro, which was involved in a collision with a Mercedes and a Ford Orion. Wintry conditions are not thought to have played a part.

Three on bomb charges

Three men will appear at the high security Arbour Square magistrates' court in east London today in connection with the IRA bomb attack on a gas works in Warrington, Cheshire, last week. Two were held near Warrington and the third was arrested in Nottingham. Scotland Yard said last night the two arrested near Warrington on Friday had been charged with attempting to murder PC Mark Toker, 25, who was shot, the kidnapping of a motorist, and conspiracy to cause explosions at Warrington and elsewhere. The man held in Nottingham has also been charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. Police said an IRA bombing kit had been found buried on a Nottingham allotment.

Two jailed for killing

Mrs Pat Norris, 44, a mother of four, was jailed for four years at Bristol Crown Court yesterday for her part in killing her violent younger husband, whose body was recovered from a shallow grave in their garden at Bristol last July. Mrs Norris admitted the manslaughter of her husband Shane, 23. Her friend and co-accused Paul Weeks, 22, was jailed for five years after admitting a similar manslaughter charge. Both the accused had denied a joint charge of murdering Mr Norris in November, 1990. Mr Justice Swinton Thomas said Weeks was sentenced to longer in jail because he had delivered the hammer blows which killed Mr Norris, while Mrs Norris had "encouraged" him.

Police dig for body

A man was charged yesterday with the murder of a woman who has been missing for 20 years after Wiltshire police began digging up the concrete floor of a garage in a search for her remains. Joan Main, a divorcee, disappeared from her Swindon home in January 1973 while her three children were at school. She took no belongings but her relatives later received a letter postmarked Newport, Gwent, saying that she was starting a new life. There has been no sign of her since. Yesterday, nine diggers and scientific officers were working at the garage at the back of a terraced house in Swindon. The man will appear before magistrates in the town today.

Columnist leaves Mirror



The columnist Anne Robinson, right, is leaving the *Daily Mirror* because, she says, it is devoid of passion and direction under David Montgomery, the new chief executive. She is to join *Today* and *The Sunday Times*, which are published by News International. Ms Robinson said last night that the new regime at the *Mirror* had created a "fearful" atmosphere. "There is a feeling that everyone is considered lazy," she said. "The machete has been wielded and talented journalists have been affected. I don't mind cost-cutting, but there is no evidence that it has improved the paper one iota."

Her weekly column will appear soon in *Today* and she will write regularly for *The Sunday Times*. Richard Stott, editor of *Today*, who was editor of the *Mirror* until recently, called her "the finest female columnist in the country".

Condoms under review

The £45 million UK condom market which is dominated by just two brands, Durex and Mates, is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for the second time in ten years. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of fair trading, said the market had changed since 1983 when price controls were brought in, and he is interested in whether they have damaged the prospect of successful competition from Mates and other suppliers. In 1992, 152 million condoms were sold in the UK.

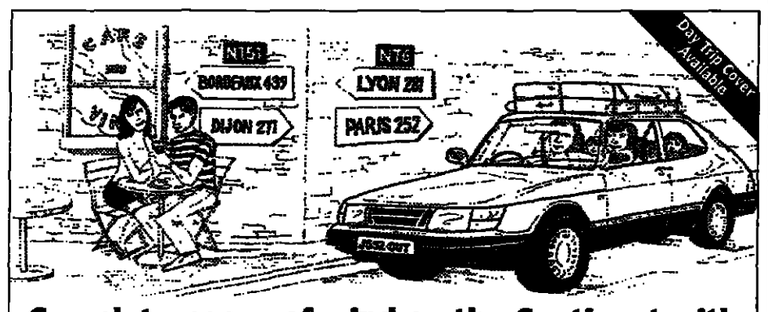
Tide turns for tanker

TUGS, aided by a high tide, were preparing last night to pull free the tanker which ran aground during gales off Redcar, Cleveland, at the weekend (Ray Clancy writes).

Salvage teams yesterday secured a tow line aboard the *Freja Svea*, which is lying low in the water after her tanks were deliberately flooded to prevent her breaking up.

Winds contined to batter the coastline where the tanker drifted for three hours before hitting the rocks. But the Marine Control Pollution Unit said that there were no signs of oil spilling as the Bahamian-registered tanker was empty apart from her own fuel supply when she got into difficulties.

Meanwhile, snow continued to cause problems on some minor roads yesterday but forecasters said last night that the worst of the wintry weather was over although it would still feel cold in the next few days because of winds blowing from the Arctic. Milder weather is forecast for the weekend.



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Solicitors may sue Mackay

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Law Society is about to take the Lord Chancellor to court over his proposals for changing the way solicitors are paid for legal aid work in magistrates' courts.

The society's council has given approval in principle for its lawyers to seek High Court leave for judicial review against Lord Mackay of Clashfern over the standard fees scheduled to come into force from April.

The action would mark the second time in recent years that a Lord Chancellor, the head of the judiciary, has been taken to court by the Law Society, which represents solicitors in England and Wales, over legal aid. When Lord Hailsham of Saint Marylebone was sued in 1986 over the level of legal aid fees, the action was settled out of court.

The society has instructed the solicitors Bindman & Partners and counsel's opinion has been sought. A decision is expected this week.

Birt surrenders tax perk to join BBC

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when he moved from London Weekend Television (LWT) "such arrangements not being unusual in the industry".

Lord Barnett said that in doing this "the BBC recognised that his reward under the BBC's terms could not be competitive with the independent broadcasting sector, and that John Birt would have to make considerable financial sacrifices to join us".

In 1986, the last year he worked for LWT as programme director, Mr Birt and his company were paid £86,369. The BBC does not reveal salaries but in his first year as deputy director-general Mr Birt was in a salary band between £90,000 and £95,000. He was employed on a five-year contract, which would have expired had he not been appointed director-general.

Mr Birt said that the tax advantages he had enjoyed were modest. "My particular arrangements have been agreed with the Inland Revenue as are my accounts. I have always been entirely open about the basis on which my services are provided."

Under his deal with the BBC, Mr Birt's salary of about £140,000 last year was paid to his company, which paid him £59,000 on which he owed income tax. From the remaining £81,000, his wife was paid £14,000. By the time expenses were taken into account, the company made a profit of £3,967. Losses and allowances meant this was too small a sum to attract corporation tax.

Although similar schemes are fairly common among executives in independent television companies, Mr Birt was the only member of the BBC board to benefit from such an arrangement.

Politicians, recruitment companies and accountants said yesterday they were amazed that the head of the BBC was involved in a special deal. David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, has tabled a question for Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, asking that the loophole be plugged.

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Irish MPs give jobs a relative value

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Labour party has been accused of handing out jobs for the boys after the appointment of five relatives of ministers to government positions.

The criticism is all the more embarrassing for a party which came into government determined to uphold the highest standards of conduct and is to sponsor an ethics bill for MPs.

Emmet Stagg, Labour housing minister, yesterday launched a government campaign for the homeless. But this was overshadowed by disclosures that he has appointed his cousin as one of his official drivers and his daughter as his personal secretary on his political staff.

Dick Spring, the Labour leader and deputy prime minister, has appointed his sister as his personal assistant, and Niamh Bhreathnach, education minister, and Gerry O'Sullivan, marine minister, have appointed their daughters as personal secretary and personal assistant on salaries of £11,000 and £18,000.

While Labour is the worst offender, two senior Fianna Fáil ministers, their coalition partners, still employ partners and a junior minister has appointed his son as his official driver.

The appointments have shocked many Labour supporters who saw the party as a bulwark against the nepotism and corruption which characterized recent Fianna Fáil administrations.

Mr Stagg said he could see nothing abnormal that one of his drivers is his cousin and his official secretary his daughter. "Most of the people who applied were well known to me and it was extremely difficult to select two. I was glad of the assistance I got from civil servants who had no axe to grind."

APOLOGY

Our report (December 4) of John Carey's address on his retirement as member of the EC Court of Auditors stated he had accused colleagues of blocking investigations into fraudulent misuse of Community funds.

Mr Carey has informed us, and we accept, that he made no such accusation, and that he knows of no evidence to support it. We apologise to his former colleagues for any embarrassment caused by our report.

Killer on the run is given 10 years for Strangeways riot

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A CONVICTED killer who is on the run was yesterday sentenced in his absence to ten years in jail for his part in Britain's worst prison riot.

Alan Lord was one of 11 men given lengthy prison sentences for their involvement in 25 days of rioting that destroyed Strangeways jail in Manchester almost three years ago. It also triggered an enquiry into prison conditions, forcing on to the political agenda the unfashionable topic of penal reform. The men were convicted of offences involving plotting to cause grievous bodily harm and riot and violent disorder at Strangeways. The riot began in the chapel on April 1, 1990, and became a siege as convicts rampaged through the jail and smashed their way on to the roof.

Judge Michael Sachs, sentencing the men at Manchester Crown Court, said the siege had been a terrible and violent confrontation with the authorities. He said: "You held at bay a large number of officers by your organised and frightening violence. It is only by the providence of God that worse injuries were not sustained by those trying to recover the jail, although goodness knows some of the injuries were bad enough."

Complaints by prisoners about the prison regime, real or imagined, could not excuse their part in the longest, most expensive and violent jail riot in the history of this country, he added.

"You have your period of arrogance and violence in front of the world but now the price must be paid," Judge Sachs said at the end of the five-month trial, which cost about £2 million.

Lord escaped 13 days ago from court cells in Manchester with four other men on trial in connection with the riot. He and three of the men are still on the run. Patricia Marsh, a 23-year-old legal executive from Liverpool, has been charged in connection with their escape.

Kevin Gee and Glyn Williams were also jailed for their part in the riots and sentences ranging from four to nine years were imposed on the other men. Barry Morton, who escaped with Lord and was recaptured recently, was jailed for eight years, as was Mark Williams. Nathan Gaynor received seven years while Earl Fahey, who pleaded guilty before the trial began, was imprisoned for five years.

Tony Bush and David Bowen were jailed for nine years in their absence, but the other escaper has not yet been sentenced. Mark Azzopardi was sentenced to eight years and John Murray to four years. Darren Jones and Andrew Nelson were cleared.

During 25 days of rioting and rooftop disturbances played out in front of television cameras, attempts to retake the prison were crushed as officers were fought off with bricks, slates and home-made weapons.

A £63 million refurbishment is due to be completed this summer, while the police investigation and the cost of keeping prisoners in police cells has added another £60 million to the bill.

The private sector and prison service managers are competing for the contract to run Strangeways, which is the first existing prison to be put out to tender under the government's drive to introduce greater variety and efficiency into the service.

The riot, which led to disturbances in other jails and a loss of confidence in prison service management by the Home Office, was followed by the Woolf enquiry. That made 12 recommendations for improvements. Lord Justice Woolf criticised jail conditions and management and the failure of successive governments to fund the prison service adequately.

In Parliament, the riot brought legislation creating an offence of prison mutiny and the penalty for aiding a jail escape was increased from five to ten years. A further 27 prisoners are still to be tried in connection with the Strangeways riot.



Historic sanctuary: Sister Cecily walks in the grounds of Broughton Hall, home to Franciscan nuns and one of Britain's finest ancestral homes, which is for sale at about £750,000. The hall, in 27 acres of parkland near Eccleshall in Staffordshire, is an Elizabethan manor house whose origins date from the Domesday survey. It has been home to the nuns since it was donated to the Franciscan Missionaries of Joseph 41 years ago. But the nuns cannot afford its upkeep. A former prep school attended by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, the building is one of the finest timber-framed houses in Britain, and is listed as of Grade I architectural and historical interest.

Minister hurt in shop fight

A TORY minister had his nose broken when he went to the aid of a former MP who was being attacked by two men, a court was told yesterday.

In July last year, Neil Hamilton, a trade minister, and his wife, Christine, were visiting a shirt shop in Richmond, southwest London, owned by Harvey Proctor, who resigned as MP for Billericay in 1987 after being involved in a sex scandal. Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told that James Coomber and David Parker entered the shop and became abusive, asking Mr Proctor: "Have you any ties for tying up rent boys before you spank them?"

As Mr Proctor tried to usher them out, they began throwing punches. Mr Proctor was punched in the face and had his little finger broken. When Mr Hamilton tried to come to Mr Proctor's aid he was punched in the face three times and knocked to the ground. He needed surgery for a broken nose.

Brendan Finucane, for the prosecution, said: "Mr Proctor was once a Conservative MP who had rather a coloured life relating to his sexual proclivities and the remarks put to him in this case made it abundantly clear what those were."

Mr Proctor told the court that he was accustomed to abuse over his homosexuality. "It is all water off a duck's back," he said. "We were waiting for them to blow themselves out of abuse and to go away."

Mr Coomber, 20, denies causing Mr Hamilton grievous or actual bodily harm, and affray threatening violence. Mr Parker, 21, of East Sheen, admitted causing Mr Proctor actual bodily harm on the same occasion and was remanded on bail for reports.

The trial continues today.

James's death not in vain, mourners told

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told Ralph and Denise Bulger, James's parents: "We wish we could turn the clocks back two and a half weeks. We wish we could make things better. We wish so much we could bring James back to you both and to all of us. But we can't. All we can do is offer you our support to share with you our faith to acknowledge with you the loss which you are feeling, acknowledge the gift that God gave to us in James Patrick."

Father O'Connell said that, in nearly three years, James had certainly developed a personality of his own. He liked Michael Jackson's music, was fond of dancing and liked to make people laugh: "someone who was always in good form, someone we are going to miss very much".

The service was broadcast on radio and relayed on loudspeakers outside the church. The readings and music for the requiem had been chosen by Mr and Mrs Bulger, who sat at the front of the church, near the tiny white coffin of their son. Placed near the altar was the chair made for James by Mr Bulger, along with his favourite toys.

Det Supt Albert Kirby, who led the investigation into James's murder, read one lesson. "He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, no more death, mourning or sadness. The world of the past is gone," he read. Other detectives who worked at Marsh Lane police station in Bootle, where the investigation is centred, stood outside the church.

A recording of Michael Jackson's "Heal the World" was played, together with "Tears in Heaven", written by Eric Clapton after the death of his four-year-old son. Jackson sent a message of condolence to the Bulger family, saying that he was grief-stricken by news of the boy's death.

James's coffin was carried by his father and four uncles to a hearse filled with flowers and a wreath with the message, "James, our beautiful baby son". He was buried at Kirkdale cemetery.

A special Mass was also said at Westminster Cathedral and at other churches across the country.

Thief trap legitimate, judges rule

PARKING an open-backed van loaded with dummy cigarettes in a busy shopping centre known to be a crime blackspot was an "entirely legitimate" way for police to lure and catch thieves, the Lord Justice of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Lord Justice Farquharson, sitting with Mr Justice Wright, rejected appeals by two men caught in the trap in Woodford, northeast London, whose lawyers said what occurred was an illegal "police crime creation scheme".

The judge said: "This was an entirely legitimate enterprise on the part of the police and of a permissible character for the detection of crime." He dismissed the claim that plain clothes Metropolitan police acted as *agents provocateurs* by taking part in Operation Rover, a crime initiative in April 1992.

He said Gary Williams, 26, an unemployed tour guide, and his stepbrother Eddie O'Hare, 23, an unemployed decorator, both of Highams Park, Waltham Forest, east London, were caught trying to steal the dummy cigarettes "because of their own criminal instincts," not because of the way the vehicle was parked.

They were both fined £150 and given a conditional discharge by magistrates at Ilford last September, for interfering with the contents of a vehicle with intention to steal. Their lawyers are considering an appeal to the Lords on the ground that the case raises a point of general public importance.

Mother befriended murder-trial nurse

THE mother of identical twin girls told a jury yesterday how she became friends with the nurse accused of murdering one of them and attempting to murder the other.

Susan Phillips said she even thanked Beverley Allitt for saving the life of surviving twin Katie, and asked her to be her godmother — an invitation which she accepted. "She seemed very competent, in control, and I trusted her," Mrs Phillips told Nottingham Crown Court.

Miss Allitt, 24, from Corby Glen, Lincolnshire, denies murdering four children in her care in 1991, attempting to murder nine other child patients, the 15-year-old brother of her flatmate and a woman aged 79, and 11 other charges.

Mrs Phillips said that after the twins were born in January 1991 they were admitted to the hospital with suspected acute gastroenteritis. Becky Phillips was readmitted on April 1 of that year because of vomiting and diarrhoea.

It was felt her milk feed might have been making her sick and Mrs Phillips was asked to take some to the hospital for testing. When Becky was discharged three days later the milk was returned to Mrs Phillips, and was fed to the baby that same evening.

Mrs Phillips said Becky died after a screaming fit. "Her face was twitching. It was a pitiful scream — I have never heard anything like it."

After Katie was taken in for observation later that morning, Mrs Phillips said she visited her daughter regularly and became friends with Miss Allitt, who often looked after the child.

One day when it seemed Katie was ready to return home, she left the room for 20 minutes and returned to find the child seriously ill. Katie had to be put on a life support machine. The court was told that there was nothing wrong with Katie when she was admitted.

Although Katie was now more than two years old, she could not crawl, walk or feed herself.



Phillips: asked Allitt to be godmother

Mrs Phillips said that Miss Allitt told her she had hundreds of tablets at home for a kidney complaint. They were quite potent and, dissolved in milk or water, left no taste in the mouth. She claimed the defendant suggested that if she had wanted to get rid of the children she could have used the tablets rather than an injection of insulin.

The trial continues today.

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BBC answers critics of its French idyll

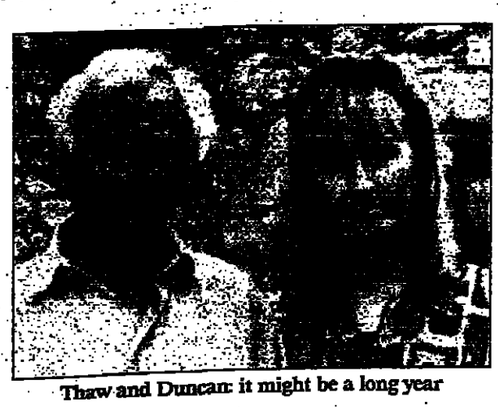
By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

THE BBC leapt to the defence of the much-hyped adaptation of Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence* yesterday after dismissive reviews and stinging criticism from television directors.

One television critic described the programme as "an idiotic concoction of travelogue shots, condescending portraits of comical French artisans and hammed-up linguistic clumsiness". Most newspaper critics were equally unimpressed by the first episode.

But Mark Shivas, BBC head of drama, called the reviews snobbish and grudging. "I think it is rather sad that people cannot find some enjoyment out of a very civilised programme," he said.

Critics complained that the television version did not capture the book's mood and that in particular Mayle, played by John Thaw, was not shown wallowing in Provençal cuisine, as he frequently does in his book. Mr Shivas was unrepentant. "The idea that you had to see Mayle eating all four desserts in a restaurant is rubbish. You do not want too much food on television," he said.



Thaw and Duncan: it might be a long year

On Sunday night the television audience was split between *A Year in Provence* on BBC1 and the new series of the similarly idyllic *Darling Buds of May*, made by Yorkshire Television and shown at the same time. The first episode of the 12-part BBC series, which has cost £3 million, was watched by 13.4 million viewers, while 12.4 million tuned into ITV. Both figures are "overnight" ratings and do not take video recordings into account.

A spokesman for Yorkshire Television said that the "curiosity factor" had taken some of its audience. *Darling Buds* was normally seen by about 17 million people and he fully expected defectors to return next week.

Directors who have adapted books for the small screen joined the chorus of criticism of *A Year in Provence*, which also stars Lindsay Duncan. James Cellan Jones, director of *Fortunes of War* and *Oxbridge Blues*, said that the novel was too "soft-centred" for television.

"It was terrible. I would have liked some ugliness or conflict in it, but there is none of that in the book. They should have known it was going to be boring."

Philip Saville, director of *Life and Loves of a She Devil*, adapted from the Fay Weldon novel, said that John Thaw's Peter Mayle had a "surly disregard for life", which was not quite right for the part.

"Thaw is a very fine actor, but it is hard to dissociate him from Inspector Morse and the programme came unstuck because of that. I would have cast it differently and had someone more like Michael Palin or even Dudley Moore."

Mr Saville, who was himself asked to direct *A Year in Provence*, said that the novel needed "a more romantic approach". David Maloney, director of many novel adaptations, including *Ivanhoe*, said that such a thin plot required a delicate tread. "I am not saying it can't be done. It is just the way it was done," he said.

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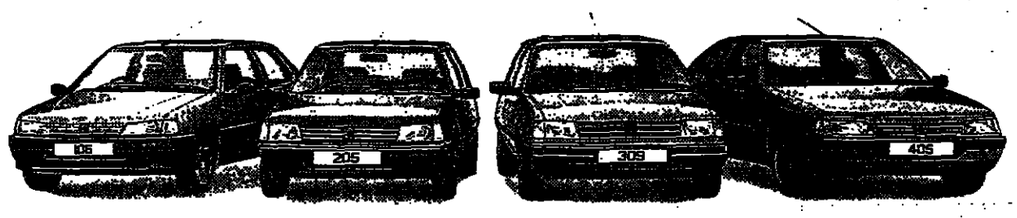
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Old Welsh counties make a comeback in council shake-up

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

THE familiar and romantic names of the old Welsh counties, including Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire, are to be restored in a local government shake-up in the principality. But two familiar names, Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire, will be lost.

The system set up in 1974, which created areas with names that few outside Wales could pronounce, is to be swept away, although Powys, which will cover a much larger area, is to be retained.

Ynys Mon will once again become Anglesey as 21 unitary authorities replace the present eight counties and 37 district authorities. Cardiff, Swansea, Newport and Wrexham will be served by unitary authorities.

Making the announcement in the Commons yesterday, David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said the proposals, set out in a white paper, mapped a path for the creation of a "distinctive, innovative and efficient local government system".

But they received anything but a warm welcome from Opposition MPs, although Ron Davies, the shadow Welsh secretary, said they were "not as bad as we could have feared". He argued that there was still a "democratic deficit" in Wales and said the proposals only made sense if there was an elected Welsh assembly. At last April's election, 70 per cent of the people had voted for a separate election and they were being ignored.

The secretary of state, Mr Davies said, had failed to achieve consensus and his proposals were opposed by the Trades Union Council, the Confederation of British Industry and many others.

He also expressed concern about the cost of the change, put by consultants at between £65 million and £150 million spread over 15 years, and at job losses that could run to 30,000.

Mr Hunt said the potential savings would repay the cost of the change over the 15 years of transition. As to staff, he said the government believed the majority would be transferred to the new authorities. Fears of many redundancies were "groundless". A staff commission would be set up to oversee the transfer process. Compensation would be paid to staff taking early retirement or made redundant.

The new authorities are to be in place by April 1, 1995, with elections to "shadow" authorities next year. A body will be set up to wind up the affairs of existing authorities.

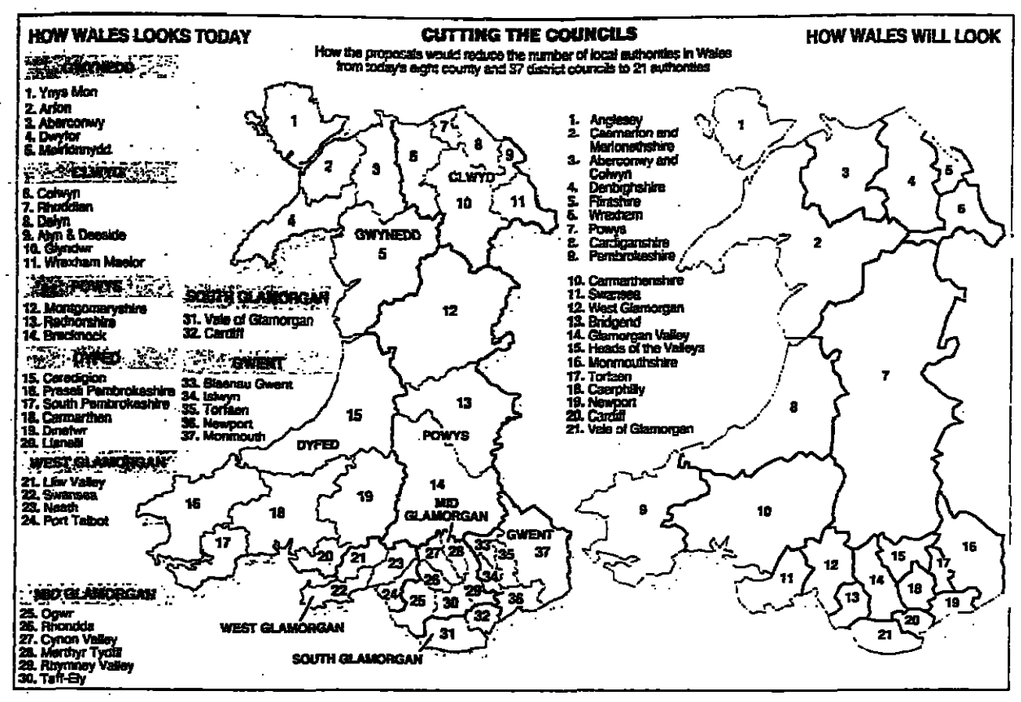
Mr Hunt pushed aside a question on when legislation would be introduced, but with the Commons timetable clogged by the Maastricht bill, it is unlikely to come this session. If yesterday's opposition was any indication, he will be hard pushed to get a bill through in time for shadow elections next spring, the usual time for local government elections.

Mr Hunt told MPs the government believed unitary authorities meant people would have a better understanding of who was providing their local services. The removal of duplication would mean better value for money.

However, in response to anxieties expressed by Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, Mr Hunt said there was no "read across" for England from his proposals for Wales.

The plan to merge Montgomeryshire into Powys has infuriated Alex Carlile, the Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomery. He asked if Mr Hunt wanted to be remembered "as the man who abolished the ancient county of Montgomeryshire".

Elfyn Llwyd, Plaid Cymru MP for Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, was equally angry about the abolition of the Merionethshire "which has existed since the 13th century". But he found support on his own side. Roger Evans, Tory MP for Monmouth, said the plans would receive "universal approval" in his county.



Ex-soldier spits bullet from 1954

AN ARMY veteran told yesterday how he spat parts of a bullet out of his mouth 39 years after being shot in the head.

Mike Tetley, a former sub-lieutenant, now aged 62, was hit in the eyes and blinded for life fighting guerrillas in Kenya in 1954. The bullet exploded on impact and the fragments remained in his skull as doctors feared that removing them might damage other senses.

Mr Tetley, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, married with three children, had fallen asleep in the bath when he was suddenly woken by phlegm forming in his saliva. "I spat it into my hand and amongst it were 19 pieces of lead the size of pin heads. It seems nature finally took its course."

He had gone to his GP a few days earlier with swellings below his eyes and was put on antibiotics. He said: "The bullet was preparing to come out and must have caused an infection. I can't think what triggered it off."

Change is needed in more than name

BY KENNETH O MORGAN

LOCAL government has been the driving force of Welsh democracy for more than a hundred years.

Before 1914, county councils and county schools were twin pillars of the social revolution brought about by populist Liberals of the Lloyd George school. In the inter-war years, Welsh local authorities were champions of public spending on health, housing and schools during the ravages of the means test and mass unemployment. More recently, titans such as the former train-driver Llew Heycock, of Port Talbot, became legendary symbols of power and (especially) patronage — *Mayor Daleys of the Valleys.*

The present, unsatisfactory structure of Welsh local government was forged with a magnificent disregard for



Lord Walker: architect of present structure

local sensibilities in the "modernisation" phase of the Heath government, under the aegis of Peter Walker, now Lord Walker of Worcester, later Welsh secretary in Margaret Thatcher's government.

Under his proposals, the 13 old county councils gave way to eight county councils and 37 districts. But they aroused little enthusiasm from the start; most made neither administrative nor financial sense. Dyfed, a sprawling authority stretching from Aberystwyth, a university seaside town in mid-Wales, to Llanelli in the coalfield, had no obvious unity. Powys, sprawling across the heart from the Wrexham area in the north to the rim of the Gwent coalfield in the south, was even more bizarre. Gwynedd and Clwyd, two other names dredged up from the distant medieval past, had their critics, too, while Glamorgan was carved up into three, West, Mid and South, despite protests by Labour and others that the position of Cardiff would make South Glamorgan unbalanced (and, it was feared, a Tory preserve).

In the meantime, with Welsh local government uncertain of its rationale and crippled by constant inroads by central government, the Welsh Office grew apace. The secretary of state's new proposals, therefore, will be greeted with much interest. The consultation paper of June 1991 affirmed that the 1974 structure was inadequate.

The favoured suggestion in 1991 was a compromise of 20 unitary authorities, merging the powers of counties and districts. Historic counties such as Ceredigion, Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Anglesey would return, while Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire would be scythed up into ten units, including one for Cardiff and its hinterland. Yesterday's white paper proposed the variant of 21 new authorities, 11 in South Wales, four in mid-Wales and six in the north.

Almost any modification of the proposals of 1974 would be welcome in Wales. However, structure is one thing, power quite another. Unless the erosion of authority that Welsh local authorities endured through the eighties can be restored, unless decentralisation and accountability can be given some meaning, unless indeed some kind of developed assembly can be created to unify rather than divide the people of Wales, then the new frontiers may appear as unreal as the old. Or perhaps St David's Day, currently hijacked by incendiarists and sentimentalists, really can be the launch-pad of a new democratic era for Wales.

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Holmes's smarter brother joins police

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A COMPUTER called Mycroft has been developed by academics and police to speed up big investigations.

The computer, named after Sherlock Holmes's brighter brother, has been tested by Sussex police and will complement the existing system, called Holmes. It has a level of artificial intelligence that enables it to react to thousands of seemingly disparate statements and facts.

The Mycroft prototype has been programmed with the knowledge and skills of Sussex murder detectives, but it can also be programmed with specialist knowledge in other criminal areas. Its skills are available by telephone to any force in the country.

The machine sifts rapidly through information and can make a series of decisions and suggestions on how a case should progress, such as which of the numerous descriptions of a suspect appears the most likely. The machine can display its findings on screen graphics.

Details of Mycroft were disclosed yesterday at the opening of the British Psychological Society's criminological and legal psychology conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. It has been developed by a team at Portsmouth University and engineers at McDonnell Douglas.

Insp Phil Hardy, of the computer services division of Sussex police, said that making links between case facts and statements was often impossible with manual or existing computer-aided systems.

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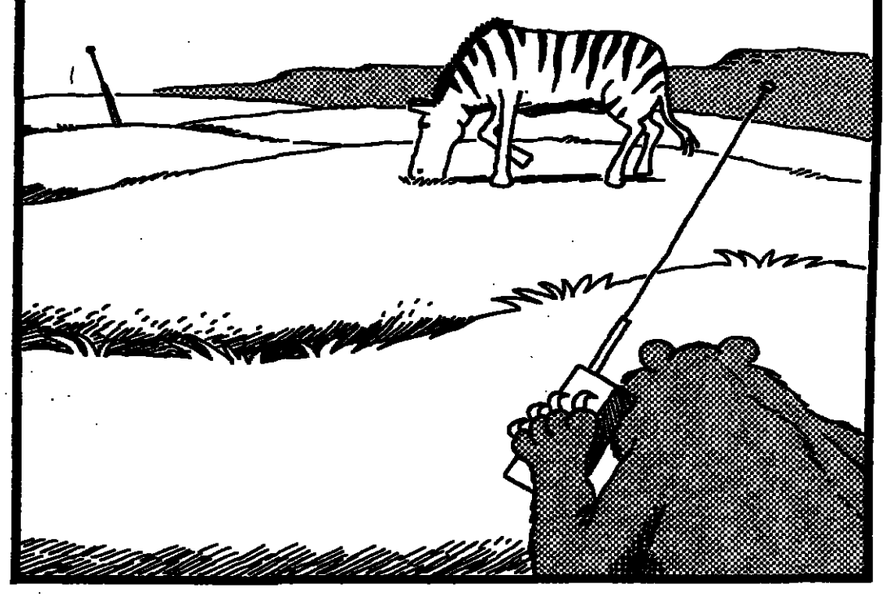
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Reading to babies from birth can lift literacy level

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

READING to babies less than a year old may help their later reading development, researchers at Birmingham University have reported.

The intellectual content of the reading material does not seem to matter. Health visitors gave packs of books to parents of 300 babies involved in the project in three areas of Birmingham, but some parents also used food packets, mail order catalogues and telephone directories, with similar effect. The experiment, launched last year by the Book Trust, was modelled on an American scheme that appeared to demonstrate the benefits of early exposure to the written word.

The university team, which monitored the progress of the Bookstart programme, reported at a conference at the weekend that the early results were "extremely positive". The packs encouraged more reading throughout the targeted families. Book-buying and borrowing increased, and parents enrolled their babies at public libraries.

Previous research has linked parents' book-buying with early reading success. Some psychologists have suggested that babies in the womb respond to reading out loud.

However, the Book Trust is making no claims about the project's long-term significance. Christine Shaw, of the trust, said: "The motivation for the project came from teachers who found five-year-olds starting school not knowing what books were. Our aim was to instil a positive attitude towards books as a source of pleasure, rather than expecting children to read earlier.

"It may well prove that, if you start using books at a young age, then your ability to read is enhanced, but that is not the main thrust. The evaluation of the project reinforced the message that six to nine months is certainly not too young for children to look at book with their parents."

The trust spent £5,000 on the project, which has now ended. The university's report supports its extension to other parts of the country, although funding is not available for a national programme. The original subjects may be revisited periodically to assess the effects on later reading.

Barrie Wade and Maggie Moore, the university researchers who compiled the report, have also recommended projects for pre-school children. They suggest encouraging library use by including coupons to exchange for a book to celebrate a first birthday.

Bookstart is based on an American scheme that provides free books and advice for low-income families in parts of the United States. The Birmingham researchers counsel against restricting programmes to low-income groups, since even better-off families found their interest in books rekindled. Although poorer families had obvious disadvantages in terms of buying books, a bigger bar to reading was parents' concern about their babies damaging books or disrupting libraries. Parents' own literacy problems may also have been an important factor.

☐ John Patten, the education secretary, yesterday announced new measures to tighten up the marking of national curriculum tests. New tests for 11-year-olds will be subject to the same independent verification as those already introduced at seven and 14. Schools will have to allow independent auditors to watch testing in progress, and examining groups will mark work again if they are not satisfied about standards.

Royal issue divides London's Australians

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BUTTONED up against London's biting wind, republicans and monarchists filed into Australia House yesterday to vote in the general election that could spell the end of the Queen as head of state.

Under the splendour of the Reading Room's chandeliers, voters studied ballot papers before casting their votes, watched by a security guard. More than 12,000 Australians are entitled to vote in Britain until polling day on March 13, which makes Australia House the largest polling station.

Opinion was divided on the Queen's future yesterday after Paul Keating, the Labor prime minister, vowed to hold a referendum on whether Australia should become a republic if he wins.

Pauleen Brear, who is from Melbourne and voted for the conservative Liberal party, said she could not bear the thought of casting off the Queen. "Although I was born in Australia I always think of England as home," she said. "The Queen does an excellent job as head of state and we must keep her."

Monarchists cross party divisions and Gaynor Ralph, from Tasmania, described herself as a green royalist. Scoffing at Mr Keating's lèse-majesté, when he put his arm round the Queen last year, Ms Ralph said: "She is a dignified and beautiful head of state. We have prime ministers with disgusting language who have no protocol. If they became president we would have a dictatorship."

Dr Bill Wall, from Sydney, who supports the Liberal party, said he was a great fan of English history. "The monarchy has worked pretty well over hundreds of years. I am a monarchist not out of reverence but because it is efficient. Keating hasn't thought through his plans properly," he said.

Only the Labor party mustered enough supporters to canvass at Australia House yesterday. Although the workers all proclaimed support for a republic, their Labor badges were dominated by the union jack in the Australian flag. "The badges were printed before the referendum came up," one canvasser said.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Silent minority: a baby sleeps as its mother votes at Australia House in the Australian general election

Agreement boosts treatment for cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

AN AGREEMENT to collaborate on a new approach to treating cancer has been reached by the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC) and Zeneca, the pharmaceutical arm of ICI.

The method involves the use of antibodies, attached to which are enzymes, to seek out cancer cells. The antibody-enzyme is injected into the body, finds the tumour and locks on to it. Some hours later, an inactive material known as a "pro-drug" is injected. This is harmless until it comes across the enzyme attached to the cancer cell, which degrades the pro-drug, converting it into a cell-killing material at the precise site where it can destroy the cancer cell.

The method, developed by CRC over the past six years and called Adept (antibody-directed enzyme pro-drug therapy), provides a way of attacking cancer cells while avoiding damage to normal cells. It creates a concentration of cell-killing drug around the cancer 10,000 times higher than possible if it were distributed throughout the body.

Zeneca has now agreed to take over the development and bring the technique to clinical trials, in return for paying the CRC royalties if the technique proves successful.

Dr Sue Foden, of the CRC, said: "The hope now is that this novel treatment will eventually take its place among the armoury of therapies available to treat cancer." However, clinical trials are likely to take at least five years.

☐ Research at the Royal Free hospital school of medicine in London suggests that the presence of the human papilloma virus in cervical smears provides a good indication of those women who need further investigation. The Royal Free team reports in the *British Journal of Cancer* that looking for the virus should improve the efficiency of screening, halving the number of women called in for an examination of the cervix.

Sailor swims ashore to save marooned shipmates

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FOUR fishermen who spent a night huddled on rocks after their boat capsized were safe and well yesterday after one of them swam half a mile to shore to raise the alarm.

Alan MacIntyre, 31, swam across dangerous channels to Seil island in the Firth of Lorn, off western Scotland, on Saturday night to bring help to his brother John and crewmen Peter Gramalis and Robert Quigley, marooned on rocks off Seil. Their 46ft boat, *Golden West* had sunk 15 hours earlier after engine trouble. Once ashore, Alan MacIntyre walked a mile to an hotel.

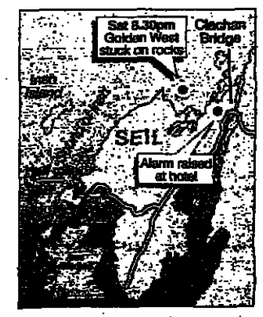
Gustl Brunner, whose wife owns the hotel, said: "He was nearly frozen to death and could not speak. My son called an ambulance and we covered him in blankets and massaged him. He was in a bad way. My wife made him an omelette and we gave him two cups of tea.

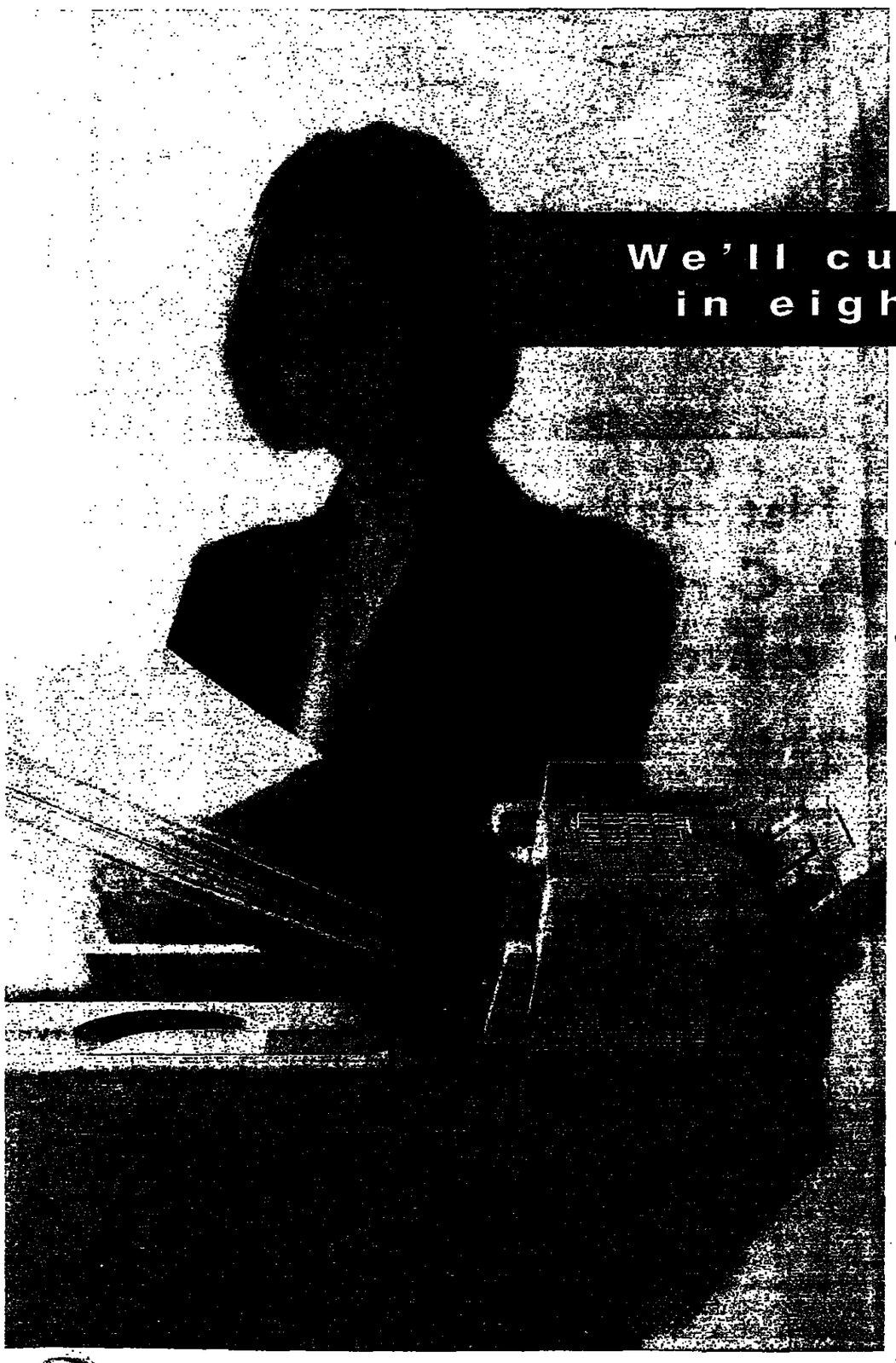
"We managed to find the local doctor and a lifeboat went out to rescue the others. I went to visit them in hospital and they were fine. The were up and walking. They are very lucky to survive."

The four men were discharged yesterday after a night in Oban County Hospital. They returned to Seil and the hotel at lunchtime to thank Mr Brunner and his family.

Alan MacIntyre said he did not know how long he was in the water. "I was out of my mind by the time I got to the hotel. I was frozen and couldn't feel my legs. At the hospital they wrapped us in tinfoil and kept pouring soup into us."

Before the boat sank, the crew set off two flares and lit a fire in a drum on the deck to attract attention. They rigged up a makeshift sail to try to get the boat to land but it hit rocks, forcing them to abandon ship and swim to a rocky outcrop where they spent the night.





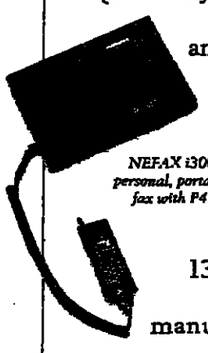
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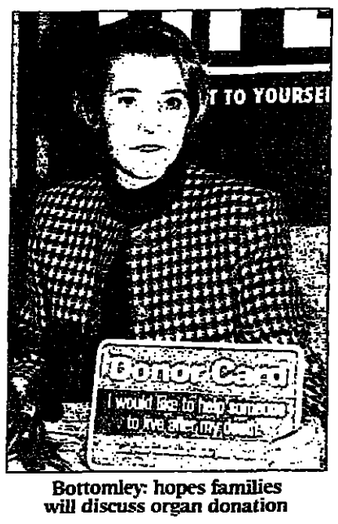
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More than 5,000 patients face agonising wait for transplants after fall in road deaths

Health chiefs launch TV campaign for organ donors



Bottomley: hopes families will discuss organ donation

By Jeremy Laurance and Nigel Hawkes

A TELEVISION advertising campaign to encourage more organ donors begins tonight, with more than a 5,000 people waiting for a transplant. Health ministers hope that the £1.5 million campaign will increase the number of available organs, which has fallen because of improved safety on the roads.

The number of kidney transplants has declined in each of the last two years after rising for the previous four years, although the cost of a kidney transplant is £10,000, compared with £21,000 a year for dialysis.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said she hoped the campaign would trigger discussion of organ donation within families. "Then, should tragedy strike, relatives will be prepared to carry out their loved one's wishes," she said. In 30 per cent of road accident fatalities, relatives refuse permission for organs to be removed, usually on the grounds that the victim "has already suffered enough".

The British Kidney Patient Association welcomed the campaign, but said the donor card scheme was not enough to bridge the gap between supply of organs and demand. It supports an opting-out scheme that would give hospitals an automatic right to use the organs of any patient who had died unless they had registered that they did not wish them to be used.

Mrs Bottomley also announced the introduction of a new "organ donor consent" section on driving licences, but officials said the information would not be recorded on the computer at the vehicle licensing centre in Swansea.

However, ministers are still considering including details of patients' wishes about donation on the health service central register, a computerised index of patients and their GPs expected to be introduced within three years. Hospitals would then have immediate access to the information but would still be required to seek permission from relatives.

Organ transplantation has become a victim of its own success: operations have become safer, the transplants have lasted longer and the range of organs that can be transplanted has widened. However, the supply of spare parts for transplantation has not kept pace. Surveys show that more than two thirds of people are in favour of organ donation but only a quarter carry donor cards. Even among this minority, relatives have to be consulted and doctors are often unwilling to broach the subject.

TRANSPLANTS IN 1992

	Transplants	Waiting list
Kidney	1,622	4,343
Heart	301	301
Heart/lung	53	234
Lung	89	144
Liver	501	81
Pancreas	10	3
Kidney and pancreas	19	18

Source: UK Transplant Support Service Authority. For heart, lung and liver transplants waiting lists are small because patients die quickly if organs do not become available. Pancreas transplants are still at the experimental stage.

A report by the Advisory Council on Science and Technology, published last month, said that in the first half of 1992, only a fifth of patients waiting for a kidney actually received one. "Since past measures to increase organ supply have failed, radical actions need to be considered," the report concluded.

It recommended an opting-out scheme as already applies in Belgium, France, Austria and several states in America. The British Medical Association, however, said: "Traditionally, we have preferred organ donation to be seen as a positive gift."

The shortage of organs has inspired some fairly desperate measures. Last month, surgeons from Zurich described how one heart had aquired its third owner. It spent its first 20 years in a young man who committed suicide. It was then transplanted into a 47-year-old man, who died 13 days later of a stroke. The surgeons decided the heart was good for a third owner and transferred it into a 58-year-old who had been waiting a year for a transplant.

Mrs Bottomley said yesterday she was opposed to an opting-out scheme that would require people to register their refusal to donate. Speaking on BBC Radio 4, she said she was not in favour of doctors "quarrying" for organs among the victims of accidents.

However, in a letter last year to Elizabeth Ward, president of the British Kidney Patient Association, Mrs Bottomley expressed a different view. The association had conducted a survey showing that six out of ten people were in favour of an opting-out scheme and sent the results to the health secretary. In her reply, Mrs Bottomley said: "I appreciate your frustration at the pace of change, but the consensus of the profession is crucial. At present, professional opinion is still divided and I think that you are doing precisely the right thing to seek to influence views through approaching health authorities with the findings of the survey."

Mrs Ward said: "Many of the 4,000 dialysis patients waiting for their life-saving donor kidney will have died on their machines before the year is out. This is a matter of urgency and should be treated as such."

Secret enquiries raise question of collusion in Lambeth contracts

By Christopher Elliott and Tony Yorke

■ As concern grows about the ability of local government to govern itself, *The Times* looks at events in Lambeth

TWO secret reports into the activities of a building company, awarded contracts worth more than £2 million by Lambeth council in south London, detail evidence of price-fixing, overcharging, sub-standard work and "possible collusion" with council employees.

As pressure grows on the police to mount an investigation in Lambeth after a damning report by Herman Ouseley, the council's own chief executive, *The Times* discloses the behind-the-scenes battles to crack down on sub-contractors.

The firm, Bellamount Construction Ltd, was investigated by a team from Lambeth's internal audit department in 1988 and 1992 after questions were raised about the number of contracts that the firm received: from 1983-92, Lambeth paid £2,120,000 to Bellamount, which employs few workers and sub-contracts much of its work.

Based in Streatham in the borough of Lambeth, Bellamount was formed on July 28, 1983, by Cyril and Joan Boyle and was admitted to Lambeth's list of approved sub-contractors that August — two months before the company officially started trading. A letter written by Mr Boyle to the council states that the company was formed "for the sole purpose of carrying out void and remedial works" in the borough.

On October 14, 1983, Mr Boyle resigned as a director of M Sheehy (painting and decorating) Ltd, a company that also carries out extensive work for Lambeth.

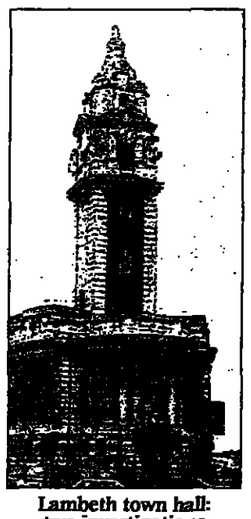
Now, both Labour and Conservative councillors are demanding to know why Lambeth allowed a contractor on to its approved list before it started trading, and why the two reports have not yet been published.

The first investigation into Bellamount in 1988 uncovered "prima facie" evidence that the company was part of an illegal price-fixing ring. Three other members of the alleged cartel — Garthmass Ltd, Burrowfield Ltd and Collinstown Construction Ltd — were named in council documents on November 8, 1988.

As a result of that enquiry, Bellamount was removed from the list of approved sub-contractors for general building. However, council accounts revealed that between 1989 and 1992, the company continued to be awarded building work by Lambeth.

In February 1989, an ex-mayor and a trade union official started a campaign to have Bellamount reinstated for general building work. George Huish, a Lambeth councillor, wrote a series of letters between February and March 1989, "requesting that Bellamount Construction Ltd be put back on the list of approved contractors". A national officer from the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (Ucatt) also tried to force the council to reverse its decision, even though the officer did not have instructions to interfere in local authority matters. Mr Huish and some of his Labour group colleagues called on Lambeth to form an appeals body to which firms such as Bellamount could turn if they had a grievance.

Pressure on this front and a genuine fear by council officers that they could be acting illegally if they continued to exclude Bellamount from the approved list resulted in Mr Ouseley commissioning a second enquiry into the company in 1992.


Lambeth town hall: two investigations

The ensuing report, dated March 28 1992, detailed random visits made by investigators to four sites in Clapham. It claimed that the company had been involved in possible collusion with council employees, had overcharged the council on two sites by thousands of pounds and had installed a dangerous gas boiler that brought the company a caution from the Health and Safety Executive.

The report also set out a series of options for Lambeth, including the possible reinstatement of Bellamount. However, it stressed that such a decision would have to be endorsed by councillors and approved by the operational services committee. In April 1992, without the necessary council approval, the company was readmitted to Lambeth's list of approved contractors.

The matter does not rest there. Cathy Ashley, a Labour councillor, said: "I am determined to find out why Bellamount has apparently been given preferential treatment. What is extremely worrying is the fact that other firms have come from nowhere and received work."

John Mann, the former chairman of Lambeth's construction services committee who commissioned the first Bellamount enquiry in 1988, said: "I'm astonished that this company has been allowed to continue working for the council."

Mr Boyle said he had seen neither of the reports and declined to discuss his affairs.

Mr Huish said that he had supported Bellamount because he believed the company had not had an opportunity to put its case as a matter of "natural justice".

He said: "As far as I was concerned, Bellamount were removed from the list of contractors and were not given the right of appeal. There should have been an appeals system. I don't give a damn which company it is, if the company feels it is wrongly being dealt with by an authority then somewhere along the line there should be a way of appeal."

SIMON WALKER


General attention to detail: Angela Conner adds the finishing touches to her statue of Charles de Gaulle in Carlton Gardens, central London, opposite the wartime headquarters from which he set up the Free French movement. The statue will be unveiled later this year by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court bars dole for students

Mature students on full-time further education courses are not entitled to unemployment benefit during holidays, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The three judges unanimously rejected claims by Robin Moore, a former architecture student, that the government acted unlawfully when it altered social security benefit regulations to block payments. The social security department had estimated that, if the appeal was successful, about 6,500 students would be entitled to benefit and the cost of meeting claims by former students could have been up to £450,000.

Mr Moore, of Kingston upon Hull, Humberside, is considering an appeal to the House of Lords.

Man arrested in horse field

A man aged 45 was questioned about attacks on horses after being arrested in a field near Alton, Hampshire. None of the horses in the field was injured.

The man, from the Petersfield area, was released on police bail. He is the third man to be questioned about attacks in Hampshire in recent weeks. A report on the incident has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Train injuries

Michael Stead, 21, and his daughter Kim, 4, of Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, were hit by a coal train as they wheeled a bicycle across a railway line in Cwmbach. Mr Stead suffered a broken leg and head injuries and the girl suffered minor injuries. The bicycle is thought to have shielded her from the full impact.

Lorry deaths

Dr Salvino Boffa, 73, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and his wife Paula, 68, were killed when a lorry toppled on to their car during bad weather on the A1 near Selby, North Yorkshire. Dr Boffa was the son of Sir Paul Boffa, a former prime minister of Malta.

Quaker appeal

The Society of Friends has launched a national appeal to raise almost £500,000 to build a retreat in the grounds of Swarthmoor Hall near Ulverston, Cumbria. The hall has been the Quaker movement's administrative centre for 200 years.

Fire damages

Andrea Lapi, 24, from Rome, was awarded £315,000 damages after suffering serious burns and spinal injuries while escaping from a fire in an Italian mission hostel in Edgbaston, Birmingham, in March 1989.

Net losses

More than 400 poachers' nets were seized by bailiffs on the river Tweed last year. It is the highest figure for four years. Ninety-eight people were arrested for illegal salmon fishing.

Girl, 16, raped

A hooded man, thought to be in his 20s, raped a girl aged 16 after attacking her as she walked across playing fields in Evesham, Hereford and Worcester.

Double money

Midland Bank has introduced cashpoint machines in Wales that give instructions in Welsh and English.

West End's survival depends on musicals

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

THE financial survival of West End theatres is almost entirely due to the modern musical, a survey of cultural trends has found.

Musicals such as *Cats*, *Les Miserables*, and *Phantom of the Opera* attracted nearly 50 per cent of West End theatregoers in 1991, compared with 28 per cent in 1983. Modern drama, comedy and traditional musicals have all seen a fall in their share of audiences.

Modern musicals doubled their share of the seats on offer in theatreland between 1983 and 1991, according to the *Cultural Trends* report by the Policy Studies Institute (PSI), and their percentage share of total West End box office revenue shot up. The report concludes that "an increasing public appetite for large "blockbuster" musicals is a firmly established feature of London's West End theatre scene". Much of the genre's popular success is due to the composer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber whose London musicals are huge hits with home audiences and tourists. Theatre-goers must wait more than a year for two tickets to see *Phantom of the Opera* on a Saturday night.

When musicals are included in overall statistics, the West End appears to have weathered the recession, at least until very recently. Gross box office revenue in 1991 was almost triple that of 1983, although ticket prices more than doubled.

But if musicals are excluded, the total number of performances fell 24 per cent between 1987 and 1991 and the number of paid attendences dropped a quarter. Gross box office revenues rose only 15 per cent, well below the underlying rate of inflation.

Aston Martin roars back with the answer to a spy's prayers

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

ASTON Martin will today launch a modern version of James Bond's favourite car.

The company has unveiled a new DB model to succeed the car that became famous as the transport for Britain's most famous fictional spy and a favourite of the Prince of Wales. A J-registered DB6 bought for him by the Queen is one of his favourite cars, but the model has not been made since 1971.

Its successor, the DB7, is launched at the Geneva Motor Show and, although sleeker in keeping with modern designs, maintains the virtues of the original series. The DB cars took their initials from David Brown, the man who popularised the Aston Martin name between 1947 and 1972.

Times became increasingly hard, however, and Ford bought the business in 1988. The multi-national discovered a business suffering from failing sales in a tough recession here and in the United States. The cars were powerful but expensive and heavy.

The cheapest Aston Martin, the Virage, costs £126,000 and the 5.3-litre Vantage is £177,600. The DB7 fulfils the dream of Walter Hayes, the Ford executive who became Aston Martin's chairman, to return to a breed of smaller, stylish sports cars. It was Mr Hayes who convinced Henry Ford II to buy Aston Martin.

The DB7, which will come from a tiny factory near Banbury in Oxfordshire, could steal the show in Geneva. It has a supercharged 3.2-litre, six-cylinder engine and will to from standstill to 60mph in 5.5 seconds. Top speed is 160mph.

The car was designed by Ian Callum, formerly with Ghia Design of Turin, and will be built at the new joint company, Aston Martin Oxford, by the production team that made the XJ220 for Jaguar, also a Ford company. Aston Martin plans to sell 300 DB7s next year and 600 in 1995 priced at about £80,000 in the UK.

☐ Aston Martin Lagonda has commissioned a research design from Ghia Design for a car that might justify the continued production of handmade luxury saloon cars beyond the year 2000 (Robin Young writes).

Ghia says that its concept, the Lagonda Vignale which is on display at Geneva, would "meet the needs of at least two decades". Features include a steering wheel that moves forward when the driver's door is opened and returns to its regular position when the door is closed.

The way it isn't



IN MANY ways, the recent spate of overheard telephone conversations recalls earlier, more innocent days, before mobile phones, before push-button dials, and even before what we now see as the traditional circular dials.

In her second volume of autobiography, *The Road Ahead*, Christabel Bielenburg describes the first telephone installed in her house in Ireland. It had, she recalls, "a crank handle, which when turned at speed alerted the postmistress into setting off on her voyage along the wires to whatever number we required".

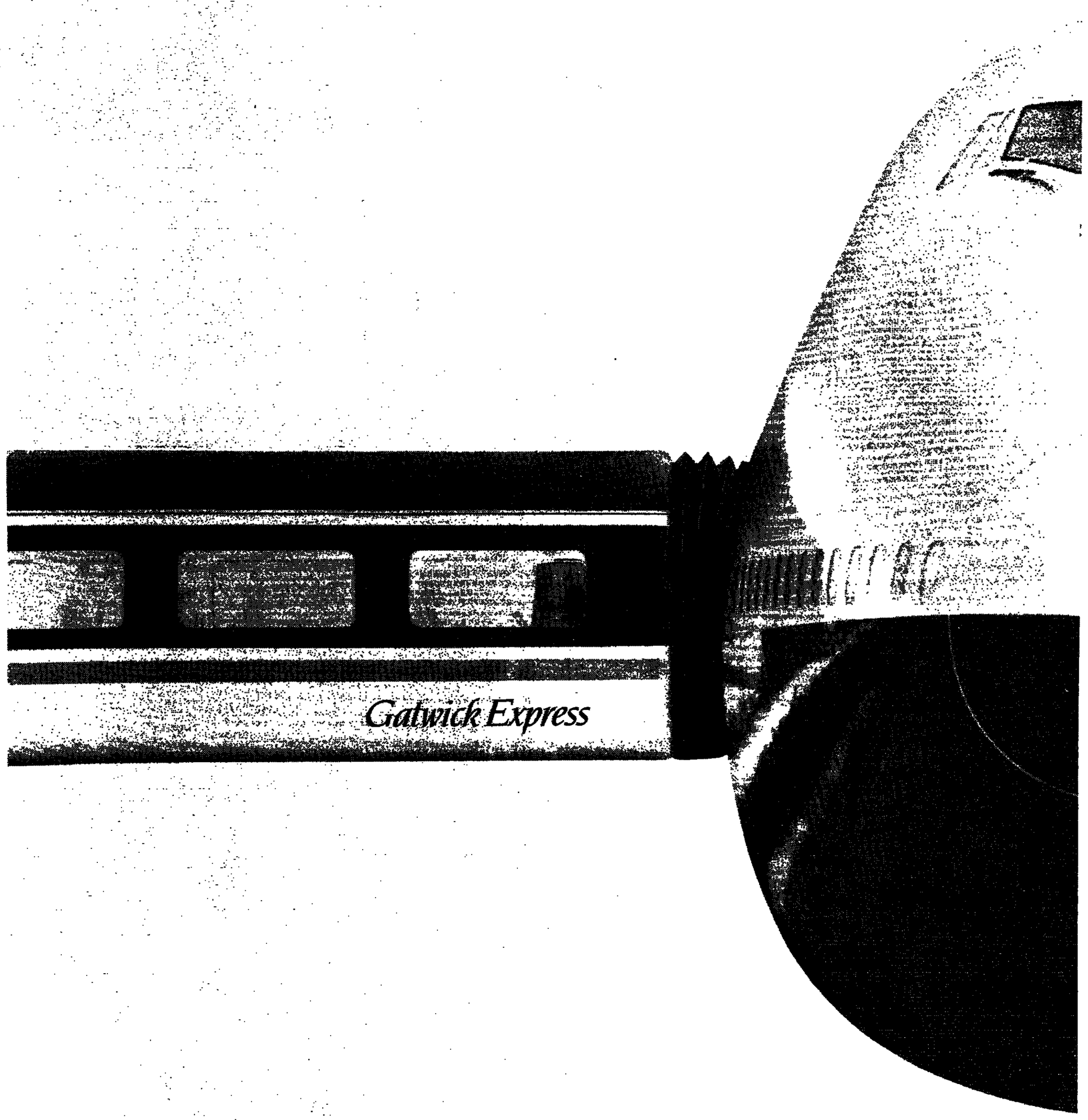
A year later came a telephone with a numbered dial, which invariably put them through to total strangers. She remembers one occasion when, "having dialled as I thought a Dublin number, I was answered by the cheerful voice of our linesman 'working on the line', he said, and we could even exchange witticisms, agreeing with each other wholeheartedly that he was not the only one who was 'up the pole'."

Living in deepest Dartmoor, my grandmother had a similar, but a possibly more unnerving, experience. She had been speaking on the telephone to an old friend for some time, telling her all the latest gossip from the village, when discretion suddenly got the better of her.

"I'd better be careful what I say over the telephone," she said, "as I'm afraid the postmistress is apt to listen in."

Suddenly, an interruption: "No I never, Mrs Brown!" chipped in a very familiar voice.

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'I want to see a fundamental shift in the balance of power'

Smith calls for sweeping reform of constitution

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith last night took a further step in shedding Labour's image as the party of the state, by calling for sweeping constitutional reforms and an end to the "relentless centralisation of power".

In a keynote speech at Westminster the Labour leader demanded a human rights act, a ministry of justice, a Budget green paper and a freedom of information act. He also called for the publication of company directors' salaries as part of a move to greater openness and accountability. He hinted that if companies failed to volunteer information about pay, bonuses and other remuneration of their directors, a Labour government would introduce regulations to force them to do so.

Setting out details of his plans for constitutional reform, Mr Smith made it clear that he supported greater devolution to local authorities, a regional tier of government in England and abolishing the heriditary element of the House of Lords.

Mr Smith used his speech to set Labour's agenda for the coming year and underline its new role as the party of the individual working with the community. He intends to draw up plans for reforming Britain's constitution in parallel with the modernisation of the party's internal constitution. "I am arguing for a new constitutional settlement, a new deal between the people and the state that puts the citizen centre stage. A deal that gives people new powers and a stronger voice in the affairs of the nation," Mr Smith said.

"I want to see a fundamental shift in the balance of power between the citizen and the state — a shift away from an overpowering state to a citizen's democracy where people have rights and powers and where they are served by accountable and responsive governments."

There was a mounting sense of disenchantment and cynicism among the British people about the political system, he said. "Our crumbling constitution can no longer be dismissed as a sideshow. It is at the heart of what is wrong with our country. People care and they want change."

"One of the most significant features of the past 14 years of Conservative rule has been the relentless centralisation of power, a process that has severely weakened our democracy and alienated government from the people."

The first step towards greater democracy was a strong and accountable network of local authorities, he said. There should be four distinct levels of government: municipal, regional, national and European decision-making based on giving power to the people. "Central government is dictatorial and remote."

The next step was to strengthen individual powers by laying down in statute basic human rights. "The rights we seek to protect are those of the individual against the state. The human rights act would therefore provide that its protections could only be relied on by individuals, not by companies or organisations."

He said there was also a clear need for a ministry of justice to give direction to a programme for the modernisation and constant up-dating of the law. "For justice to have any real meaning, people must have access to the law. The government's disgraceful plans to slash the legal aid budget have been rightly and angrily condemned."

The culture of secrecy which pervaded the government and only served to conceal mistakes and protect decision makers should be swept aside, he said. "The simple truth is that you cannot with any credibility seek to blow the cobwebs of secrecy away from government without a freedom of information act."

Freedom of information should apply to the private sector as well as the government. He also called for the abolition of Budget purdah and the publication of a green paper in advance of the Chancellor's announcement.

MIKE POWELL



Looking ahead: John Smith, the Labour leader, who yesterday presented his radical proposals for constitutional change in Britain

Economic obstacles on road to the promised land

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Any future Labour government is going to be very busy. Apart from action on employment, industry, training, schools, the health service, social security and every other area you care to mention — all no doubt to be regarded as priorities — we are now promised a constitutional upheaval as great as that in the 1830s or the 1880s.

In his speech to Charter 88 last night, John Smith confirmed the impression in his interview in *The Times* three weeks ago that on constitutional matters at least he is prepared to be as radical as Tony Benn — though, characteristically, he is more a respecter of the legal system and of judges. His speech is a world away from the instinctive conservatism on the constitution of earlier Labour leaders, like Clement Attlee or Harold Wilson.

Mr Smith develops a powerful case, though he is more convincing on the parts than the whole. I remain suspicious of attempts to link the current agonising over national malaise with calls for "a new constitutional settlement". Mr Smith does not justify his claim that there is a "mounting sense of disenchantment and cynicism amongst the people of this country about our political system". A few opinion polls are not sufficient basis for a constitutional upheaval.

Strains and cracks have certainly developed as a result of the long period of one-party rule, particularly the weakening of local government. Although democratic rights have been undermined since 1979, there was no previous golden age. And, in many areas, the individual rights of parents and patients have been strengthened. Party political appointees with little real democratic accountability dominated the previous structure of local services as much as they do the recent proliferation of unelected agencies such as hospital trusts, training and enterprise councils, grant-maintained schools and housing action trusts: Professor John Stewart's "new magistracy".

Our political structure is not breaking down in ways comparable to, say, Italy or Belgium. What is needed are piecemeal solutions to check the power of central government rather than comprehensive new plans. He rightly calls for a "renaissance of local government" but then urges a whole new structure of regional government for England, as well as a parliament for Scotland and a Welsh assembly. His proposal for a four-tier structure of European, national, regional and municipal decision-making promises a repetition of the confusion of 20 years ago rather than an affirmation of the principle of subsidiarity.

Mr Smith may win wider support for other proposals, such as the incorporation into British law of the European Convention on Human Rights, the creation of a new ministry of justice, a freedom of information act, an opening-up of budget-making via a green budget, reform of the House of the Lords to end hereditary membership, an independent audit of Treasury forecasts and making the Central Statistical Office statutorily independent. However, he cautiously sidesteps the critical issue of electoral reform, on which the Plant commission will report next month.

Developing the Labour challenge to vested interests in the private sector, Mr Smith argues that "just as good government needs the stimulus of an informed electorate, so markets need the spur of empowered consumers". Not only should this involve fuller information on goods and services purchased, from food to pension schemes, but companies should also provide more details about their financial, environmental and social performance and about the payment of their directors and senior executives. That has the makings of radical agenda for Labour.

These ideas have their individual merits, but the overall claims for them should not be exaggerated. If some of these proposals were implemented, democratic rights would no doubt be strengthened and we *might* be better governed. But it will not be the new Jerusalem unless a future Labour government gets its economic and industrial policies right.

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Ministers propose radical answers to property slump

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

RADICAL plans to turn empty office blocks in London and elsewhere into homes are being considered by ministers in a fresh attempt to stimulate the housing market.

Other proposals being actively canvassed by MPs for possible inclusion in the Budget include phasing out mortgage tax relief and diverting some of the savings into grants for first-time buyers, and moves to bypass housing associations by making grants to private construction firms to homes for low-cost rent.

The government is looking at ways of giving freeholders incentives to seek a change of use of their properties rather than living in hope that one day they can be let commercially as offices. Tax breaks, low-interest loans and one-off grants are among the measures being examined, although ministers accept that there might have to be changes to planning regulations that have prevented car parks being built alongside office blocks in the interests of promoting public transport.

In some of London's wealthiest areas, such as Mayfair and Belgravia, some blocks of flats that were turned into offices after the second world war now stand empty. Ministers believe the owners of the 32 million square feet of surplus office accommodation in the capital should consider reverting to their original use. Unused office space, which is dragging down the commercial property market in London, is equivalent to 25 Canary Wharf towers, with the equivalent of 74 such white elephants in the pipeline.

Action to convert office blocks into flats for rent or sale is supported by the all-party parliamentary group on homelessness. Charles Hendry, Tory MP for High Peak and joint chairman of the group, said: "In current market conditions there is no prospect whatever of much of this space being occupied for some years. Unless action is taken to find new uses for them, we will see dereliction on a scale we have not witnessed since the Blitz as owners deliberately vandalise their buildings to avoid rates. Many of them could readily be converted into living accommodation if local authorities would grant them temporary residential consent."

The move comes as the Treasury considers a raft of housing market proposals, which some Tory MPs want in the Budget. Support is building for a campaign to alter mortgage interest relief in a way that would target help to those who most need it.

David Willetts, Tory MP for Havant and former head of the Centre for Policy Studies, said: "We need some stabilisation of the housing market as an element in getting the economy going again." He added that some of the £2 billion a year channelled to housing associations, public sector bodies that have replaced local councils as the main suppliers of new rented properties, should be given directly to private developers willing to build and manage social housing.

The government is committed by its election manifesto to maintaining mortgage tax relief but ministers believe this does not prevent changes in the way the system operates. The option of allowing first-time buyers to take an immediate slice of the interest relief to which they would be entitled over the period of their loan has found favour with Tories, although the political risk of changing the system is regarded as high.

However, many MPs believe that if the government is ever to grasp the nettle of reform it should do so now, early in the parliament. Some are pressing ministers to phase out the existing subsidy and, for a limited period, divert some of the money into grants for first-time buyers. Advocates of the "hurry while stocks last" idea say it would give a badly needed shot in the arm to the housing market.

Interest relief, now worth about £5 billion, has been allowed to wither on the vine. It applies to the first £30,000 of a loan: if it had been indexed in line with inflation the ceiling would be £80,000. The maximum anyone now receives is about £50 a month.

Maxwell enquiry blocked

BY SHEILA GUNN

AN ENQUIRY into the rights of select committees was demanded yesterday after the Serious Fraud Office blocked witnesses from giving evidence to MPs over the fate of Maxwell pension funds.

The Commons social security committee has been forced to shelve its questioning of directors and investment companies handling Maxwell funds because the office complained that the hearings could jeopardise criminal actions.

Instead, the cross-party committee will focus the next stage of the enquiry on the immediate needs of Maxwell pensioners and also investigate the fate of other large occupational pension funds, including British Rail, London Regional Transport, the mineworkers, Post Office, British Telecom, Harland and Wolff, Swan Hunter, Belling, Lucas and Dormobile.

Ministers will study the committee's final report when drafting the planned pensions bill to improve the legal framework and regulatory machinery of pension funds.

In a progress report yesterday the committee asked for the procedure committee to look at the legal position of the enquiry.

"We believe the Commons should look at how our counterparts operate in other countries to see if committee proceedings are able to operate in a way which avoids a clash with the judicial system," it said.



Lamont: constituency hit by job cuts

Recession comes home to Lamont

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE recession has brought "severe industrial deprivation" to Kingston upon Thames, the leafy riverside borough represented in the Commons by Norman Lamont, its Tory-controlled council claims. The borough has applied for government and EC aid under the assisted area scheme.

Paul Clokie, the Conservative leader of Kingston's council, said yesterday that "alarm bells are beginning to ring all over London" because of the speed and scale of job losses. Jobs were being created in the regions at the expense of the once prosperous South-East, he said.

The borough has been badly hit by the restructuring of the defence industry, most recently in this year's closure of a British Aerospace plant with the loss of 3,200 jobs. In January 1993 there were officially 5,725 people out of work in Kingston but this figure is likely to have soared in recent weeks.

The map of areas qualifying for assisted area aid was drawn up in 1984 and includes huge swaths of Scotland, Wales and the north and southwest of England. Trade and industry department officials said yesterday that the number of South-East local authorities bidding for government and EC grant aid had more than doubled since the map was first drawn up.

Violence in the home prompts call for national campaign

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs ARE to demand a nationwide strategy against domestic violence, backed up by legal reforms, to help check the sharp rise in the number of attacks within families.

After a lengthy investigation of domestic violence, the Commons home affairs committee will publish a report later this month recommending a nationwide campaign to emphasise that such attacks are criminal offences. The cross-party committee also wants a co-ordinated system of help for the victims, with properly funded and publicised refuges and domestic violence units. The MPs found good examples of units set up by police forces and local authorities, but they will complain that support for victims remains patchy. There are about 270 refuges but no common source of funding, with many relying on private donations.

The MPs will urge the government to take the initiative in improving access to refuges for battered women together with better protection for women and children at risk. They want regular checks on police forces to make sure that all have domestic violence policies and specialised staff to deal with victims.

The report, agreed in two private sessions last week, is expected to reflect the evidence to the committee that domestic violence is no respecter of class or status. During the enquiry the committee, chaired by Sir Ivan Lawrence, talked to battered women in refuges in southwest London and visited Islington's domestic violence unit, which is regarded as one of the most advanced in the country.

Urgent legal changes to simplify the system of injunctions and remedies will be recommended. Some of the committee's MPs were also disturbed by evidence, largely anecdotal, that charges were often downgraded in court from actual bodily harm to common assault.

Ministers are considering two previous reports recommending changes from the Law Commission and Victim Support.

In its evidence to the committee, the Home Office said: "Against a background of a traditionally poor response from criminal justice agencies to incidents of domestic violence — and, indeed, a tradition of responding to the problem, if at all, in terms of the health, social and accommodation needs of women and children rather than the criminal behaviour of violent men — there has been a strong emphasis in recent years on domestic violence as a crime. The government will continue to hold fast to that principle."

The committee was impressed by the change in police attitudes in recent years, particularly in London. In the past attacks were often dismissed as "only a domestic" and officially put down as "no crime". The Metropolitan Police responds to 25,000 calls a year to domestic incidents and says that 1,000 women a week contact them. Recorded offences in the Metropolitan area rose from 770 in 1985 to 8,510 cases in 1991. They now have 62 domestic violence units.

Domestic violence accounted for 42.7 per cent of murders in London in 1991 and 25 per cent of London's recorded serious assaults. The police admit that official figures underestimate the problem. But the Association of Chief Police Officers said that:

☐ 25 per cent of killers live or had lived with their victims.

☐ Research estimated that there were 60,000 domestic violence cases reported a year, with 7,000 recorded as assaults.

☐ One in four women has been struck by her partner.

☐ A Canadian study estimated that on average a woman is beaten 35 times before she contacts the police.

Although women are often the victims, the organisation *Families Need Fathers* told the committee of the largely hidden problem of violent wives.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Boost for donor scheme

As part of its campaign to increase the carrying of organ donor cards, the government is to alter driving licences to include a donor consent section.

Making the announcement in a Commons written reply, Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, said that the change would be a great benefit in saving lives. Licence holders would not have to change them if they wished to become donors, but should complete and carry a separate donor card.

Bitter pill

The Chancellor was urged by peers to end VAT on Scotch whisky on "medicinal grounds". Lord Campbell of Alloway (Con) said that as whisky was in a sense "medicinal" the government ought to consider a zero VAT rate. Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, the United Distillers chairman, complained that the tax on a glass of wine was 12p and that on a single whisky was 23p although it had the same alcoholic content.

On appeal

Of the 41 cases sent to the Court of Appeal last year because the sentence was thought to be too lenient, 21 have been decided and in 19 the sentence was increased, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-general, said.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: education; prime minister. Education bill, report.
Lords (2.30): Asylum and immigration appeals bill, report, first day.

Hong Kong reforms

China insists on UK guarantee for deal

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

■ Peking is determined to sideline the democratically inclined Legislative Council. It has found an ally in the new Liberal party

IN THE clearest pointer so far of its determination to deny Hong Kong a voice in its own political development, China yesterday said that it would not discuss Hong Kong's constitutional reforms with Britain unless the government could guarantee its promises.

Lu Ping, China's director of Hong Kong and Macau affairs, said there was no point in talking if any deal was not to be implemented. The message was a coded attack on Chris Patten, Hong Kong's governor, and his insistence that any changes in electoral laws must be approved by the Legislative Council, which China fears may amend any bills put before it.

Legislative disapproval is a sore point with China. An agreement on the make-up of Hong Kong's future court of final appeal, which John Major reached with Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, in 1991, was rejected by the Legislative Council. Plans to set up the court before Hong Kong's handover to China in 1997 have been shelved.

China is insisting on direct talks with Britain to sideline both the legislature and Mr Patten, whose credibility Peking is trying to undermine. Mr Lu and other Chinese officials have repeatedly demanded that Mr Patten withdraw his controversial proposals to broaden the franchise for the 1995 legislative elections before talks can begin.

Mr Patten has refused to comply, but in an attempt to pacify Peking and entice it to the negotiating table the Hong Kong government has postponed the publication of draft legislation.

Officially, China does not recognise the legislature, which it regards as a non-representative instrument of British policy, although almost a third of its members are directly elected and its future is guaranteed in the Basic Law, Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-constitution.

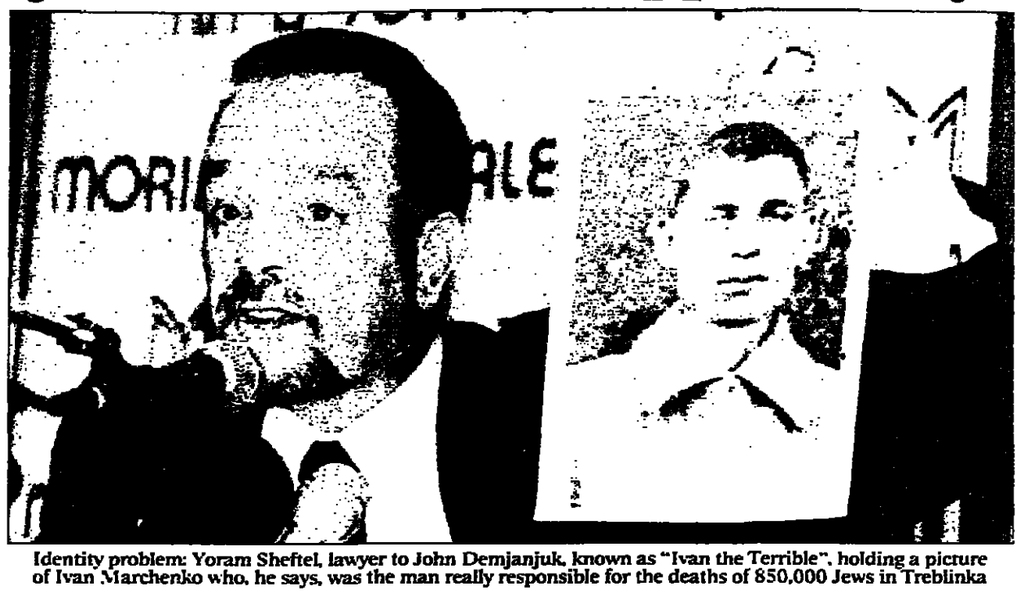
Mr Lu's message was delivered after a meeting with legislators from Hong Kong's newest political party, formed at the weekend from appointed and functional constituency members and a small conservative following. It has called itself the Liberal party, despite its pro-China stance.

The new party is expected to vote in favour of amendments which would remove the democratic content from any bills that reach the legislature.

☐ **Language move:** Hong Kong's reintegration with China inched closer with the start of television news bulletins in Mandarin to the colony's largely Cantonese-speaking population. *(Reuter)*

Demjanjuk starts fast over appeal delay

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM



Identity problem: Yoram Sheftel, lawyer to John Demjanjuk, known as "Ivan the Terrible", holding a picture of Ivan Marchenko who, he says, was the man really responsible for the deaths of 850,000 Jews in Treblinka

JOHN Demjanjuk, the Nazi war criminal known as "Ivan the Terrible", began a three-day hunger strike in prison yesterday to protest against the Israeli supreme court's delay in reaching a decision on his appeal against his conviction.

Yoram Sheftel, his lawyer, said the former car worker, who lived in Cleveland, Ohio, and was accused of killing 850,000 Jews at the Treblinka death camp in Poland, began his fast to mark the day seven years ago when he was extradited from America to stand trial in Israel.

"It took the district court only two months to send him to the gallows after a show trial, but nine months after his appeal ended nothing has happened," Mr Sheftel said.

Although Demjanjuk is fit and well, Mr Sheftel said he was concerned for his client's physical welfare as he approached his 73rd birthday next month. He was sentenced to be hanged in 1988 after survivors identified him as the brutal Ukrainian SS guard who operated the gas chambers. However, evidence presented at his appeal suggests that another Ukrainian, identified as Ivan Marchenko, was the real Ivan the Terrible.

Mr Sheftel said the fresh evidence, based on affidavits from former camp guards interrogated by the KGB, raised the "reasonable doubt" necessary for Demjanjuk's appeals to succeed. He said Nazi hunters had made no attempt to trace Mr Marchenko, who could still be alive.

Efraim Zuroff, who heads the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem, said that Demjanjuk's protest was an attempt to speed up the appeals process in case new documents were disclosed that linked him to Treblinka.

☐ In Tel Aviv yesterday Ziad Salameh, 19, a suspected Islamic militant, ran amok with two knives, killing two Israelis and injuring seven others before being knocked down and beaten by an angry crowd. The man was later arrested.

Police said the Palestinian, from the Gaza Strip, acted alone, but the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad organisation in Damascus claimed responsibility for the attack and said it that it had been carried out in retaliation for the deportation of 415 Palestinians, some of whom are members of the banned group.

The incident led to warnings from Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, that security forces could clamp down on the densely populated and economically depressed coastal strip.

Marital taboo mars Hewson campaign

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

JOHN Hewson, the opposition leader, yesterday launched his Liberal Party's election campaign amid flags, silver band and media scrum in Sydney, with a final impassioned commitment to Australia's youth and women.

Just a few feet away sat the taboo subject of the election: Dr Hewson's three estranged children. Were this an election in America or Europe, the story of Dr Hewson's first wife and children would be headline news. Were Bill Clinton an Australian, it is unlikely anyone here would be so impolite as to suggest his extra-marital affairs or draft-dodging at Oxford. But so timid have the Australian media become, it is allowing the politicians to set the rules.

Only the *Sydney Telegraph Mirror* has hinted that Dr Hewson's main election liability lay in abandoning his wife and three children one Christmas eve. However, it is what everyone thinks but none will say when Dr Hewson talks of child care and support for single-parent families.

His absent children were becoming a growing problem as Paul Keating, the happily married prime minister, was seen constantly with his smiling wife and their four children. Yesterday the Hewson children came to the aid of the party. Without their mother, they sat looking uncomfortable and occasionally yawning. Dr Hewson's father was diplomatically placed between them and Dr Hewson's new and younger wife, Carolyn Hewson, a merchant banker. Already she is described as the Hillary Clinton behind her husband's success.

Vietnamese soldiers found in Cambodia

FROM AFP IN PHNOM PENH

THE United Nations said yesterday that it had found three Vietnamese soldiers in Cambodia, who qualify as foreign forces under the Paris peace accords ending the civil war, and that they must be expelled from the country.

The Khmer Rouge has always maintained that Vietnamese troops are still in Cambodia, a matter which has led to the faction's refusal to participate in the peace process or in elections sponsored by the United Nations in May. Vietnam, however, denied their presence and told UN officials that it refuses to take them back, Eric Falt, a UN spokesman, said.

The men served with the troops who invaded Cambodia in 1978, married local women and received identification cards making them Cambodian citizens, Mr Falt said. Two are still serving with the Phnom Penh forces, while a third has retired. He said that other men suspected of being Vietnamese troops are under investigation.

General Phan Thay, a Phnom Penh military spokesman, denied there were active Vietnamese soldiers in government ranks. But he was "unaware" whether any demobilised troops had stayed with Cambodian wives after Hanoi withdrew in 1989.

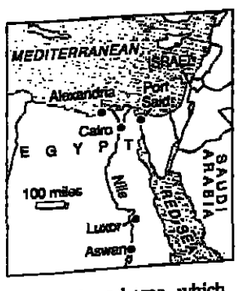
The Khmer People's National Liberation Front, led by Son Sann, the former prime minister, said: "If they [UN officials] really look for Vietnamese soldiers who marry Cambodian women or wear civilian clothes, they will find thousands." The Khmer Rouge was unavailable for comment.

Antiquarians attack Luxor housing plan

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SOME of the world's most famous historic sites, including the Valley of the Kings which houses the tomb of Tutankhamun, are threatened by government plans to erect a new housing complex on the west bank of the Nile at Luxor.

Two of Egypt's leading antiquities' experts have threatened legal action against the scheme, which they claim also endangers other important parts of the Theban necropolis including the Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. The plan has been masterminded by the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation (EAO) which said the project to rehouse thousands of Egyptians living at Qurnah does not endanger nearby sites.



Supporters of the plan, which has sparked the fiercest archaeological dispute in Egypt for many years, said that the modern Thebans depend on tourism and refuse to resettle on the east bank of the Nile where agriculture is the main source of income.

Nemat Ahmed Fouad, an archaeological professor, said: "All those who participate in this unforgivable crime will be taken to court." Ali Radwan, dean of the faculty of archaeology at Cairo university and a member of the EAO's governing board, said: "We need to think of how things will be in 20 years from now. Then we will realise that the project is going to be a mistake beyond repair."

The EAO's want s a new township in the area of Al-Taref, about two miles from a cemetery that contains the remains of nobility from the 11th dynasty. Critics said that the Al-Taref area had not yet been explored archaeologically.

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Heightened threat to Americans delivering supplies undermines shaky East-West accord

Moscow makes secret deal to send Serbs tanks and missiles

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND DESSA TREVISAN

■ President Yeltsin appears to have been kept in the dark. The West is now investigating an alleged arms agreement

RUSSIA has signed a secret deal to supply Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia with tanks and anti-aircraft missiles, defence analysts said yesterday. Britain says that it is investigating the reported agreement.

The £250 million deal has wide-ranging implications at a time when America is carrying out its air drops in Bosnia-Herzegovina. If an American plane were shot down by Serb forces, a rift between Washington and Moscow in the United Nations Security Council would be almost inevitable, wrecking the already shaky unanimity over sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia.

It has also become clear that Bulgaria has moved Scud and surface-to-air missiles, left behind after the Warsaw Pact disintegrated, to its border with Serbia, threatening to suck more countries into the military quicksands in the Balkans.

Although the Russian foreign ministry yesterday denied an arms deal had been signed with Serb forces, one military analyst said the political turmoil in Russia meant President Yeltsin was kept in the dark about the agreement. "What we are seeing is a deal which has not been sanctioned at the top by Boris Yeltsin," Paul Beaver, of *Jane's Defence Weekly*, said in London.

The Russian parliament last week called for the lifting of sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro and the imposition of sanctions against Croatia. There is also substantial conservative pressure on the government to ignore the arms embargo.

The arms deal was reportedly signed on January 22 after meetings between Russian army and intelligence service generals and Serbs. The negotiations took place in December and January in Belgrade, the Bulgarian capital of Sofia and the Romanian city of Timisoara. Under the deal being investigated by Whitehall, the Serbs are buying T55 tanks and anti-missile missiles that are capable of destroying targets up to 375 miles away, as well as the anti-aircraft missiles.

A spokesman for the British government said: "I can say with full authority we are following this up: we take it seriously and we are looking into it. We are not international policemen on this, so as and when we get anything on it, we will pass it to the United Nations and make sure they act."

Asked about the risk of alienating Russia as a permanent member of the security council, the spokesman added: "You cannot formulate foreign policy on the basis of letting it slip if you are going to upset someone."

Mr Beaver said: "There is no doubt there is a deal in place. Since the break-up of the Soviet Union, a lot of quasi-government organisations have been doing deals that President Yeltsin would not know about. A lot of stuff coming back to Russia from the republics gets 'lost' in the paperwork and finds its way on to the international arms market."

Sources close to the Bulgarian government meanwhile said that missiles from Soviet territory had been moved from the border with Turkey to the Serbian frontier because Sofia is worried about Belgrade's intentions over Macedonia and the Serbian province of Kosovo — both regions where it is feared the war could spread.

"Bulgaria moved its Scud-Bs, with a range of 300km, to the Serb border, last February," Mr Beaver said. "We don't believe they any longer have access to nuclear warheads, but they could launch conventional weapons at Belgrade."

In an article to be published in *Jane's Defence Weekly* on Thursday, Mr Beaver reports that Russia exported $4 billion of defence equipment last year. However, the Russians say they have lost $7.5 billion through observing sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia and Libya.

In a sign of the turmoil in Russia which could keep Mr Yeltsin ignorant of deals made by officials, Mr Beaver says: "For specialist military equipment, such as submarines, battlefield mine warfare and attack helicopters, there is now considerable rivalry between various state bodies which claim to represent all or part of the Russian or Commonwealth of Independent States' arms industry."

Contacts between Russia and its historic Slavic allies in the rump Yugoslavia have been increasing recently. A number of delegations from the former Soviet Union, especially from Russia and Ukraine, have visited Belgrade. Most of them have been taken to see Serb-held areas in Bosnia and the Krajina region in Croatia. About 200 Cossacks are fighting on the Serbian side in eastern Bosnia and Belgrade television has broadcast a series of interviews with them.

The delegations from Russia are believed to be sponsored by a large Serbian private enterprise which has interests in the former Soviet Union as well as in Canada and Britain. The company also owns a bank and is close to the regime of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb president.

Several private banks are believed to have been engaged in breaking the oil embargo in arms deals for the Serbs in Bosnia. This is widely believed to be undertaken via Cyprus.

Missing air drops, page 1

Pork protest by Muslims

Kuala Lumpur: The youth wing of the United Malays National Organisation, the party of Mahathir Mohamed, the prime minister, said last night that it regretted that the American air drop of food in Bosnia would include pork, which Muslims are forbidden to eat.

Mustapha Yaakub, secretary of the wing's international affairs bureau, said in a statement that, while the intentions of the United States were good, the plan was an insult to Muslims. He also expressed regret that the 45-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference was not sensitive to the matter. *(AP)*



Flying start: Captain Peter Schweyher, left, of the US Air Force, lead pilot of the humanitarian mission that dropped 22 tonnes of food into eastern Bosnia, watches his navigator, Tip Stinnette, as he describes the night operation on their return to Frankfurt yesterday

Slavic brothers find common cause

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

BETWEEN four and six o'clock every weekday, two pasty-faced youths in Moscow's southwest underpass dole out badly printed leaflets on behalf of their "clients", extreme nationalists who capitalise on the flow of young workers from the nearby factory to attract new followers. The leaflets contain the usual nasty cartoons of Jews lining their pockets at the expense of Russians and attacks on the "scum democrats" for selling out Russia's heritage.

In recent weeks, however, there has been a brisk new trade in leaflets praising the "Serb resistance to Muslim and Catholic aggression" which go on to give advice on how to become a mercenary in the pay of Belgrade. The leaflets promise generous pay and a warm welcome from "our brothers under Western siege". The response has been so enthusiastic that Valentin Stepankov, Russia's prosecutor-general, yesterday announced that he was submitting a draft law forbidding the financing, arming and recruiting of mercenaries.

But the increased support for the Serb cause is not restricted to such organised fringe groups. Many members of the army's senior command believe Russia is strengthening the wrong side by backing the United Nations blockade of Serbia. On the recent Armed Forces day, a huge wreath praising the "Eternal alliance of Slavs" and bearing the Russian and Yugoslav flags appeared at the Kremlin wall when the official ceremony was over. The size and exclusive style of the wreath left no doubt that it had come from the highest military level, although nobody has yet admitted to laying it.

Within the regular army, the chance of joining the UN peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia is considered the most alluring opening, but for reasons less than altruistic: there are generous financial incentives, ample opportunity for stealing petrol, food and even weapons for the black market and, most important of all, the guarantee of a warm welcome from the Serbs, who treat Russian army soldiers as their allies rather than a neutral UN force.

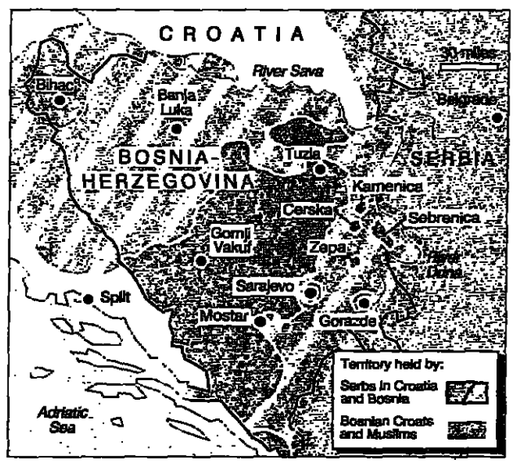
The view that Serbia has been unfairly treated is expressed loudly and frequently at the dinner tables of even the liberal intelligensia. Many educated Russians are dismayed to see their country, previously always a powerful influence in southeast Europe, reduced, according to one television commentator, to "running after the West's policies against our instinct and better knowledge of the Balkans".

The conservative Russian parliament is taking a stronger-than-ever interest in international issues as a stick with which to beat Mr Yeltsin. At the same time its opposition to the Western interpretation of the Yugoslav conflict is deepening. The parliament recently resoundingly passed a motion calling for the lifting of sanctions against Belgrade or their extension to Croatia. The more extreme deputies have taken to calling the Croats "Ustasha" and are suggesting that Bosnian Muslims are waging a jihad (holy war) against the Orthodox world.

Former liberals like Sergei Stankeyevich, Mr Yeltsin's friend and aide, now believe that the policies of Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, are intended to buy Western support for economic reform at the price of Russia's best interests.

One rapidly emerging consequence of the break-up of the Soviet empire is the "easternisation" of geopolitics and the intensification of a Slavic identity. The Council for Foreign and Defence Policy, created last autumn by a Yeltsin decree to "widen input" to policy-making, appears now to be little more than an instrument through which conservatives can increase their power against the government. The council has produced an alternative programme saying that Russia is "geopolitically encircled" and calling for the resumption of closer ties with southeast Europe. It wants Russia to have a more "pro-active role in the Balkans", to be less beholden to Washington.

Quite why Mr Yeltsin approved the convening of a body whose aims are so different from his own present policy is a mystery. It may well be a diversionary tactic to keep emerging nationalists in his own camp occupied. Or, say the pessimists, it could be a new foreign policy in waiting.



Guns stay silent for aid flight

BY AFP

SECONDS after the first aid packages rolled out into the midnight sky over Bosnia yesterday, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Witt was a satisfied and relieved man.

"We were on the lookout for possible trouble, but nothing happened," he said, sitting in the cockpit of his Hercules C130 transport plane. Within minutes, his and two other planes, which had taken off from the Rhein-Main air base in Frankfurt, had successfully launched 21 tonnes of food and medicine over isolated enclaves of eastern Bosnia.

The six-hour operation went off with no sign of gunfire.

ON BOARD A C130 OVER BOSNIA

Blacked out for fear of anti-aircraft fire, the plane's only illumination were dim red lamps glowing inside.

Some minutes after passing over the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, Captain Peter Schweyher suddenly dropped the plane's altitude. Then, in open sky, the tailgate opened and ten containers rolled out into space.

Attached to the side of each container was a green lamp, designed to work for up to five hours. "We hope they will see the light", an airman said.

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Kiev rejects Kremlin bid for power

BY ANNE MCELVOY

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's weekend appeal for a United Nations mandate for Russia to act as a "guarantor of stability" on the territory of the former Soviet Union was rebuffed in Ukraine yesterday.

Mikola Mikhailchenko, chief adviser to President Kravchuk, said that Ukraine would never accept that its territory came within the sphere of Russian special influence. "We will never agree to Russia once again becoming an elder brother. We want relations based on equality," he said.

Mr Yeltsin told a meeting of the Civic Union, a centre-conservative grouping, that Russia should be granted special status to monitor conflicts and arbitrate in ethnic disputes. The move was intended to dispel criticism that his foreign policy is selling short Russia as a great power.

Mr Yeltsin said the world looked to Russia to take on responsibility for the stability of the former Soviet republics, but Mr Mikhailchenko accused him of attempting to win support for a policy of dominance. The appeal is likely to be received more sympathetically in Kazakhstan and in the Central Asian states, whose citizens are happy to accept some dependency.

Relations between Russia and Ukraine are frosty, with Moscow threatening to cut off gas supplies unless Kiev agrees to pay world prices. Ukraine has retaliated by threatening to raise transit fees

Survey shows rising prejudice against immigrants

Gaullist leader steals Le Pen's clothes

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

RACISM

When he campaigns in the blighted suburbs, Jacques Chirac, the Paris mayor and Gaullist leader, knows what his audience wants to hear. Once in power this month, his new conservative government will crack down on crime ravaging the housing estates, he told a crowd in Arnouville, north of here. "This means more police to track down and expel illegal immigrants."

He added that the government would also outlaw polygamy, root out "white marriages" (arranged unions for obtaining nationality), and make it harder to acquire French citizenship. The audience heartily approved.

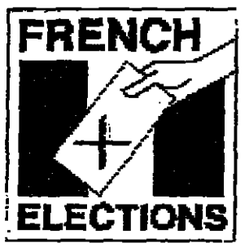
M Chirac's message last week is one that, according to a new survey, much of France eagerly wants to hear. Recession and rising unemployment are accentuating antipathy towards immigrants, a group blamed for crime and "taking French jobs".

The human rights commission has reported to the government that ethnic violence dropped last year, but at the same time racial hostility was spreading. One in three citizens told the commission's survey that they harboured racist feelings towards immigrants and one in five considered themselves "convinced racists". France, said the commission, "is falling prey in worrying proportions to clearly racist attitudes, including among the young and supporters of the political left".

In big cities and remote countryside, one hears the refrain about immigrant "invasion", a word also used recently by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the leader of the centrist UDF opposition group. Ménie Grégoire, a celebrated media "agony aunt", says the problem is "frightful". "People are saying 'we've worked from the age of 13 or 14 and we made modern France and paid our dues for 50 years and then these people come and we give them all our advantages. There's nothing left for us'." Mme Grégoire, who testified to a parliamentary commission this month, said the disrepute of the racist National Front party of Jean-Marie Le Pen meant that none of the mainstream parties "dares to confront it".

The political impact has, however, shifted since the late 1980s when the overtly racist National Front was the main beneficiary of anti-immigrant sentiment. The party is now on the decline from its peak in 1988, when M Le Pen received 14.4 per cent of the presidential vote. Widely regarded as a dangerous pariah, the party is not expected to receive more than about 10 per cent of the vote in this month's general election and may lose the single seat it holds now.

The slump in the party's fortunes testifies to the success of the Gaullist RPR and UDF in accommodating some of the racial grievances of M Le Pen's voters while avoiding contamination with a party considered beyond the moral pale. M Le Pen says all parties have joined in a conspiracy to exclude him from the political process.



France's moral paradox was reflected in the commission's 700-page report. More citizens than ever agreed that racism was morally unacceptable, it said, but at the same time more people admitted prejudice towards foreigners and believed that excessive immigration was robbing France of jobs and its identity. About 100,000 legal immigrants arrive in France annually, with many more undeclared. Official figures are often conflicting, but about 16 per cent of France's 56 million residents are said to be first or second-generation immigrants from former colonies in North Africa.

TheGaullists, including M Chirac, are avoiding broad attacks on immigration, although he last year voiced sympathy for people who resented the "noise and smells" of immigrants. The opposition, expected to win as much as 80 per cent of seats, is not proposing mass repatriation but is focusing on the legal measures cited by M Chirac last week.

At the same time, the campaign language is studded with coded references to the issue, notably on the theme that French "identity" is under threat. Even Philippe Séguin, the dissident Gaullist leader regarded by many in his party as too progressive, is hammering the "identity crisis" in his campaign appearances.

Danielle Mitterrand, the wife of the president and head of the France Liberté organisation, has meanwhile launched a "European Passport Against Racism", an identity document which commits the holder to fight racial attitudes.

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Economic woes stir cynical Italy into revolt against bribe-takers



Craxi: investigated as a result of scandals

BY ROGER BOYES

MY ROMAN barber on Via Cassia, a master of cutting and curling, had two epic conversational themes that braided as neatly as a pomaded pigtail: the fortunes of Naples football club and the rapidly increasing fortunes of politicians.

Political corruption was deplorable to the common man, especially to an Italian Communist like Riccardo the barber, but it was viewed essentially in sporting terms. There was, of course, far more talent on the football field. But there was a quiet understanding, at least in the 1980s, that a skilled politician *had* to bend the rules to defeat the deadweight of bureaucracy. Just as Diego Maradona could be forgiven his girls and his partying provided he knocked in goals, so political players were tolerated providing they came up with the goods — a new road or a housing project.

The Italian mood has changed. Whatever justice minister Giovanni Conso comes up with this week, it will not be enough to satisfy the popular appetite for justice. In a poll printed in Sunday's *L'Indipendente* newspaper, 87 per cent said corrupt politicians should be banned from public office for life, and 89 per cent said parliamentarians convicted of taking bribes for their parties should spend some time in prison. Signor Conso's brief is to set out a package of laws that will regulate party finances and offer some leniency to arrested politicians who are willing to spill the beans about their colleagues. But the justice minister is concerned with containing scandal rather than uncovering more.

☐ The thirst for justice has forced Rome to tackle corruption. Yet the accent is now on limiting rather than uncovering scandals

Nearly 90 people have been arrested and more than 100 others — including former ministers, party secretaries and businessmen — have been warned that they are being investigated by Milan magistrates. If the scandal spreads — it has already claimed Bettino Craxi, the Socialist powerbroker, and Giorgio La Malfa, the Republican party leader — there will be precious little left of the political class.

Political corruption is certainly not unique to Italy. France, Spain and Germany have recently been reeling from their own scandals. Each of these states has been ruled for a decade or more by the same political elite. Those elites led their countries through the 1980s and rarely discouraged the idea that things would get better and better. When deep recession took hold, the role of leadership changed. With long-term unemployment and a dismal future for much of society, politicians are expected to be moral leaders and set out new goals. They are failing, and they are being judged harshly.

In Italy in the 1970s and 1980s the only virile part of society was the second economy. To get things done at any level you resorted to the black or grey sector. Politicians and businessmen could make common cause and pretend they were fighting a common enemy. This consensus has broken down and what was once praised as *governibilità* is now regarded as offensive. Italy does share some features of other recession-bruised societies. The difference is that its political class is even more long-lived — barely changed since the 1960s — and that the methods of exercising power have not improved since the war. That is what turns the current turmoil into a crisis of legitimacy.

Party financing is haphazard, and in a system that has to fund election campaigns almost every year, woefully inadequate. Tribute — the *bustarella* or sealed envelope, slipped to the politician by businessmen — is as ingrained as ever. The notion that public projects are in the fiefdom of the parties is a defining element in a political culture that thrives on the bribe.

The current area of investigation includes party involvement in power industry contracts, reorganisation of the chemical industry in the 1980s, the misuse of European Community funds and the disappearance of money spent on the 1990 football world cup.

A sensible way forward would be to separate the question of party financing from that of personal enrichment of politicians. A non-criminal and accountable way has to be found to pay for the huge running costs of the parties. Better still, the administration of the parties should be trimmed to a fraction of their size, and electoral reform should shift much of the power away from parties to the executive.

Court debut by 'boss' heightens suspicion of deal with Mafia

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE lacklustre debut in court yesterday by Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the alleged Mafia "boss of bosses", has heightened the impression among many Italians that the real leaders of the Cosa Nostra may still be at large, thanks, perhaps, to a secret deal with the state.

Speaking for about an hour under tight security at the Ucciardone prison in Palermo, the bucolic-looking native of Corleone seemed almost convincing when he described himself as "just a worker" and a "poor farmer". Wearing the same rumpled green cashmere jacket and baggy flannel trousers, as when he was arrested on January 15, and speaking with a broad Sicilian accent, Signor Riina did not portray the image of a sophisticated kingpin of organised crime whom authorities have accused of ordering hundreds of killings.

But even before he was transferred to Sicily from Rome for his first public appearance after a quarter of a century on the run, many experts on the Mafia had been suggesting that the capture of the alleged head of the cupola (dome) or ruling commission of Cosa Nostra was not all that it seemed. Among those raising doubts was Judge Giuseppe di Lello, a Palermo magistrate who for years was one of the closest colleagues of Judge Giovanni Falcone, the leading anti-Mafia fighter who was killed last year on the road to Palermo.

"They caught Riina now because at last they had looked for him," he said. The opposition newspaper, *La Voce Repubblicana*, gave voice to a widespread belief that the man, who was officially Public Enemy No. 1, had enjoyed high-level protection for decades. "How is it possible that for more than 20 years Riina was in Sicily, perhaps even in Palermo, without being captured?" it asked.

The news magazine *Europeo* said the fact that Signor Riina had offered no resistance suggested that his surrender was negotiated in advance. "The superboss was held during rush hour in a congested Palermo street, as if he was a clerk on his way to the office. The most feared man in Cosa Nostra, who certainly has enemies in the organisation, travelled unarmed without armed bodyguards."

Some Sicilian journalists believe Signor Riina may have been seeking a deal that would guarantee his safety as long ago as last July when his lawyer, Nino Fileccia, made media headlines by declaring: "My client is in Sicily. He never moved."

Many observers are also puzzled by the action of the authorities who had cast secrecy to the wind and repeatedly predicted the arrest of Signor Riina in the days before it happened. "Riina is in a trap," Bruno Siclari, the "super prosecutor" appointed last year to co-ordinate the national battle against the Mafia, said in an interview 24 hours before police swooped on the 62-year-old Godfather. "He is becoming ever more isolated inside the Mafia. The moment of truth has arrived," he was quoted as saying.

After the arrest, General Antonio Viesti, the then head of the carabinieri paramilitary police, described the operation as one of the most brilliant that his men had carried out. But Salvatore Andò, the defence minister, did not seem overtly grateful. Last week, General Viesti was removed from his post.

There has been persistent speculation that Signor Riina may have wanted to come out of hiding for treatment for diabetes, and to allow his family to resume a normal life. His wife and children returned to his native village of Corleone immediately after his arrest. Some police sources also say Signor Riina had grown increasingly unpopular among other senior figures in the Cosa Nostra because his violent methods, including the killing last year of Judges Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, made normal criminal business impossible.

Leoluca Orlando, the former mayor of Palermo who heads Italy's anti-Mafia party Rete (Network), has warned that the arrest could be similar to the killing by the Mafia of the mythical Sicilian bandit Salvatore Giuliano, who was eliminated by mobsters in return for leaving the crime gang to its own devices on the island for years. "The capture of the boss of bosses could give the green light to a new Mafia based on international markets, particularly in markets that are still virgin in an Eastern Europe thirsty for drugs and also arms," Signor Orlando said.

☐ **Naples:** Michele de Mita, 59, the brother of former Italian prime minister Ciriaco de Mita, has been arrested in connection with fraud charges over reconstruction work carried out in the Irpinia region, east of here, where some 3,000 people died in an earthquake in 1980. Rome sent about £31 billion to repair damage there over the past 12 years, three times the original estimates. *(Reuter)*



Under guard: Salvatore 'Toto' Riina seen for the first time in public yesterday since his arrest in January entering a Palermo court with police escorts

Supertax on smokers proposed to fund health reforms in US

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN smokers, already made to occupy segregated sections in restaurants, will soon confront one of the biggest assaults yet launched against a habit: the Clinton administration is considering a "supertax" on cigarettes.

If the tax is introduced as recommended, the price of a packet of 20 could more than double to nearly $4 (£2.80), making cigarettes in America among the world's most expensive.

The idea behind the tax is to raise funds for health care reforms. To smokers, however, such a tax would smack of a return to a new age of prohibition, enforced this time through the tax system rather than the criminal code. In Washington the proposed tax marks a growing acceptance of so-called "sin taxes" as the only kind not considered an evil in themselves.

A tobacco tax enjoys the support of President Clinton, who has already said publicly that smokers will be asked to make a "contribution" to the health care reforms. His wife Hillary, who heads a health care task force, is also an enthusiastic supporter, as is her friend Donna Shalala, the health secretary and a well-known anti-smoking campaigner. Once a chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Ms Shalala introduced a smoking ban in all the university's buildings. As health secretary, her scope is much greater.

Given the influence of the anti-smoking lobby in America, it is perhaps surprising that American smokers are at the moment taxed only lightly compared with Europeans. The average present cost of a packet of cigarettes is $1.90. The federal taxes on cigarettes are minimal, being only 20 cents, a bare 13 per cent, and there is considerable scope for an increase.

The question discussed by the health care task force is not whether, but by how much, to raise federal tobacco taxes. The supertax is proposed by a small group of academics within the group, who suggest that a $2 tax could raise $35 billion, which would go a long way towards providing health insurance for the 13 per cent of Americans who are not at present covered.

Depending on how smokers react, a tax hike could yield higher revenues and deter consumption at the same time. Too much of a rise, however, and people either give up smoking in thousands or, in a worst-case scenario, the tobacco trade is driven underground and becomes a black market.

More, a too radical tax hike could lead to an unwelcome substitution effect, with smokers exchanging their cigarettes for illegal drugs. The main effect, however, is expected to be a significant rise in the number of people who give up. From the administration's point of view, cigarette and other "sin taxes" offer the easiest source of new revenue. Health officials believe that the lost tax revenue from those who give up will be more than offset by a reduction in the cost of treating smoking-related diseases, which account for 20 per cent of deaths in America.

Mr Clinton did not address health care reform in his economics programme, which already includes a surprisingly large number of tax rises. The question of reform will be dealt with in a separate package later in the spring.

After the criticism over the most recent tax proposals, the president has virtually ruled out the introduction of a federal sales or value-added tax, the only other substantive tax capable of raising funds on a large scale. Higher income taxes are also taboo. This leaves the "sin taxes" as the sole politically acceptable way of raising revenue beyond what has already been set out.

Germans win friends abroad

BY MICHAEL BINYON

GERMANS are more popular with their neighbours than they ever dared to hope. The results of a poll in 17 countries found that not only is the image of the "ugly German" fading fast, but in leading countries such as America, Russia and Japan the Germans are well-liked and well-respected.

Predictably, the Germans are least popular in countries where wartime memories still linger. Israel and The Netherlands were harshest in their judgements, followed by Denmark, Switzerland and Britain. But even in Britain, where young Germans frequently complain they are questioned about the war, given Nazi salutes and told they are responsible for Britain's economic decline, most respondents were relatively well-disposed to the Germans as people.

The one quality the British found most disagreeable was the perceived lack of humour. Other qualities most criticised by the 32,240 people who took part in the survey were arrogance, unreliability, intolerance, lack of sympathy and bad behaviour.

The weekly magazine *Focus*, which published the survey, found it ironic that the British, considered the world's worst-behaved tourists, should be among the harshest critics of German behaviour.

But German virtues were highly praised by all respondents. Nine out of ten said the Germans were successful, a quality that particularly impressed the Poles. The Germans were also found, in descending order, to be hard-working, strong, peaceful, modern, classy, democratic and respected.

The survey found that neo-Nazism and reports of attacks on foreigners had enormously damaged German standing abroad.

Kohl comes home to heavy barrage of criticism

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

WHEN Helmut Kohl returns tomorrow from his lengthy visit to Asia, he will find a country and party increasingly critical of his leadership. During his absence his popularity has slumped to its lowest level, his critics have been emboldened to speak out and his coalition government has been floundering in a sea of unresolved issues.

After more than ten years in office, the Christian Democratic-led coalition has slumped to one of its lowest popularity ratings since Herr Kohl took over from Helmut Schmidt, the last Social Democratic chancellor. Only 36 per cent would now vote for the CDU, and only 24 per cent would vote for Herr Kohl as the next chancellor; in former East Germany, he commands the support of only 16 per cent.

The coalition has also suffered a string of losses in state elections, so that there is now only one state in western Germany — Baden-Württemberg — where the Christian Democrats are represented in the government, and the opposition Social Democrats have an overwhelming majority in the Bundesrat, the upper house of parliament.

Yet despite a general restlessness within his party, evidenced by calls for a separation of the office of party chairman and chancellor and by the recent extraordinary public quarrel with Volker Rühe, the defence minister, Herr Kohl is as firmly in control as ever. His strong nerves, instinct for party politics and notorious readiness to "sit out" any problem until it disappears have left him with no threat to his position from any rival.

In a frank admission that may cost his party dear in next year's general election, a leading opposition politician admitted that there was no alternative to the present government. Karlheinz Blessing, the SPD parliamentary manager, said: "In the light of the problems in Germany, the clear social and political alternative to the federal government is an illusion." Nevertheless, criticism of Herr Kohl's leadership has become biting, even from conservative newspapers. The respected *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* said he had failed to demonstrate courage in economic policy, the economy was faltering and the mood of business was bad. The weekly *Rheinische Merkur* said more and more of the chancellor's decisions were made on the spur of the moment and were later retracted.

Herr Kohl is being blamed for a sense of drift in the country and a failure to rise to the huge challenge, political and economic, of German unification.

His standing has been further undermined by rumours that he might soon step down. Some of these he has unwittingly fed himself, with off-the-cuff remarks about wanting to hand over after the coming election.

Stern magazine recently reported that he was tired of governing and had complained to Wolfgang Schäuble, leader of the CDU parliamentary group, that "if things go on like this, you will have to take over in the summer". Herr Kohl promptly denied the report. Told that a lame-duck image could damage his election chances, he now insists he will lead the party next October to victory and will carry on indefinitely.



Kohl: ready and able to sit out any problem

Unless he steps down now — which looks unlikely — the CDU will not have time to groom a successor. Herr Kohl therefore must reassert his control, nip any speculation of defection from the coalition by the Free Democrats, slap down talk of a grand coalition with the SPD and ensure that no challenger positions himself as a rival.

This explains why Herr Rühe, once seen as a successor, is being treated so cavalierly. Herr Kohl is unforgiving to rivals — although Herr Schäuble, whom he pointedly snubbed after he suggested the CDU should consider a grand coalition — appears to have regained the chancellor's confidence.

The chancellor still dominates German politics. He is confident enough of his standing after 20 years leading the party to embark on an Asian trip that takes him away from Bonn for two weeks at a time when issues such as asylum, participation in UN operations and the austerity package are still unresolved. But unless he can turn around the faltering economy, his chances of winning another term in office look slight.

☐ **Cold victims:** Twenty-nine homeless people have frozen to death on the streets of German cities this winter, the charity, Homeless Aid, reported. *(Reuter)*

Cult frees children after gun battle claims six lives

BY BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE leader of a religious cult in Waco, Texas, freed six children from his group's compound as armoured personnel carriers and a tank moved to the scene after a gun battle on Sunday in which six people were killed.

David Koresh, who was born Vernon Howell and is the 33-year-old leader of the Branch Davidian sect, told local radio that six to eight children aged three to eight were still in the compound ten miles east of Waco. In Washington, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms confirmed that six children had been released in two batches.

Hundreds of police and federal agents yesterday surrounded the cult's fortified compound in rural Texas after the battle. The compound was stormed early on Sunday by federal agents with warrants to search for guns and explosives and to arrest Mr Koresh.

But the members of the cult returned fire, killing four agents and wounding 15 more. Two cult members also died.

Bargaining on the radio, Mr Koresh agreed to release the children in exchange for religious broadcasts. He also made contact with Cable News Network (CNN) and described the moment the compound, known as Mount Carmel, was attacked.

"They started firing at me ... I've been shot. I'm bleeding bad," he said. "I'm going home. I'm going home to my father." He said his two-year-old daughter had been killed.

The assault came a day after an article in the local newspaper quoted members of the cult saying that Mr Koresh may have abused children in the group and had at least 15 wives.

It was thought that about 75 people had barricaded themselves into the compound, dominated by a tower with lookout windows facing every direction. Two helicopters used in the assault were hit by gunfire, apparently from semi-automatic rifles.

Mr Koresh told CNN that he would release two children each time the local radio played the tape he dictated by telephone to federal agents. "Every time they play the tape, I'll send two of the children out," he said. "There's a lot of children here. I've had a lot of babies these last few years."

On tape, he talks about his group, founded in 1933, which believes in free love and that the end of the world is near. They believe that Mr Koresh is the "lamb" referred to in Revelations and that he is the only one who can open the so-called Seven Seals, setting loose catastrophic events that will end mankind and propel the group to heaven.

The Branch Davidians claim to be an offshoot of the Seventh Day Adventists and Mr Koresh claims to be Christ. The church denies any link with the cult. In 1987 Mr Koresh and seven other cult members were accused of attempted murder after another gun battle. Charges were later dismissed.

In Los Angeles, police provided protection to former cult members and said allegations of child abuse were being investigated. Police have been looking into claims that Mr Koresh took girls as young as 12 as "wives".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gibraltar talks prove difficult

London: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, held "difficult" talks in Madrid yesterday on the future of Gibraltar (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The meeting with Javier Solana, the Spanish foreign minister, came after a two-year break in negotiations over Britain's ownership of the colony. A Spanish newspaper said Britain favoured the Andorran constitution. Mr Hurd said, however, that he had not put forward new proposals on sovereignty.

Financiers quit

Brasilia: The Brazilian finance minister, Paulo Haddad, and the president of the central bank, Gustavo Loyola, and his board of directors have resigned, according to Mauricio Correa, the justice minister. *(AFP)*

Base bombed

Lima: A car bomb packed with explosives blew up at Las Palmas air force base, killing two people and injuring at least 50, police said. Shining Path guerrillas are suspected. A shootout was reported after the blast. *(Reuter)*

ANC offer

Johannesburg: Former military intelligence agents in South Africa have been approached by the ANC to see if they can be of use to the movement they once worked against. One was offered money for information.

Angola impasse

Addis Ababa: The United Nations has cancelled Angolan peace talks that never started after Unita rebels said they were trapped by the conflict the negotiations were supposed to end. No date has been set for future talks. *(Reuter)*

Cholera fears

Rio de Janeiro: Cholera has broken out in the city's slums where plumbing and running water are virtually non-existent. Cesar Maia, the mayor, has warned residents that Rio could be on the verge of an epidemic. *(AP)*

Breeders die

Budapest: Twelve Hungarians, some of the thousands lured into a 1989 scheme to breed earthworms to produce a form of topsoil, are reported to have killed themselves after failing to make enough to repay huge loans. *(Reuter)*

A weapon to change the world

As British scientists prepare to use gene therapy against cancer for the first time, Nigel Hawkes explains the potential power of such treatments

The first proposal in Britain to use gene therapy against cancer, announced at the weekend by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), is a landmark in medicine. For the first time the public can glimpse the huge potential power over disease that molecular biology has made possible.

Understanding the genes that control the body makes it possible to home in on cancer cells and leave healthy cells undamaged. The superbly-detailed machinery of the cell can be used by doctors to support their efforts and not frustrate them. Instead of using a blunderbuss, lethal to both healthy and diseased cells, they can employ a rapier.

The ICRF plan, still to be approved by the Clothier Committee which governs gene therapy, aims at the fastest-growing cancer in the Western world, malignant melanoma. The growth of this cancer is a result of the taste for sunbathing, which can induce changes in the cells that lie just below the skin and produce the pigment melanin.

Caught early, melanoma can be treated successfully by surgery. But of the 3,300 or so people who develop the disease in Britain every year, over a third will die. The disease is commoner in women than men, and occurs in younger age groups than other types of cancer. In Australia and New Zealand it is the commonest cancer among young adults.

> Gene therapy trials have already taken place in America — more are planned

The ICRF scientists have identified a specific feature in the melanin-producing cells that enables them to be targeted. An enzyme called tyrosinase, produced by the cells, is vital in the production of melanin. This enzyme, in turn, is produced in the cells by the action of a short length of the genetic material DNA, called a promoter.

Every cell in the body contains the same piece of DNA, but only in the melanin-producing cells is it switched on. For some reason still not fully understood, cells have the ability to pick and choose which among their huge repertoire of genes they will decide to use. This particular promoter gene is turned on only in the cells that produce the pigments in the skin.

For this reason, it provides the key which gives easy entry into those cells. Using genetic engineering, the ICRF scientists have linked the promoter gene to a second gene, the function of which is to turn cells blue. The idea is to demonstrate that the promoter gene can get into the cell, and switch on any other gene to which it is attached. In experiments using mice, reported yesterday in *Cancer Research*, Richard Vile and Ian Hart from the ICRF laboratory in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, have shown that the melanin-producing cells are indeed turned blue.

This, of course, is merely a demonstration that the method works. In actual therapy, the blue gene will be replaced by the gene for a naturally-occurring substance called interleukin 2, which is known to have anti-cancer properties. In earlier trials, interleukin 2 has been injected directly into patients with melanoma, and has shown some useful effects. The trouble has been that it damages healthy and tumour cells alike, so that in doses large enough to knock out the tumour it has serious side-effects.

By linking the gene for interleukin 2 to the promoter gene, the ICRF scientists will ensure that it is only turned on in the melanin-producing cells, not elsewhere. Interleukin 2 does not kill the cells directly, but stimulates the immune response to recognise cancer cells and reject them. This should mean that healthy melanin-producing cells are not damaged.

The design of the therapy thus involves two types of selectivity: firstly, only the melanin-producing cells will produce the interleukin 2, and secondly, only those that are cancerous will be recognised as such and attacked by the immune system. If all goes well, the tumour cells should be killed and the rest left alone. Better still, the large production of interleukin 2 by the cancer cells should stimulate the whole immune system against secondary cancers.

To deliver the gene to the tumours, the team has found that the most obvious method of all — direct injection — seems to work well. In many proposed gene therapies, "vectors" such as viruses are being used to insinuate the gene into the cells, but Drs Vile and Hart have found that injecting the DNA into the tumours on the skin is enough. Somehow it finds its way through the cell wall into individual cells, where it begins to work. In principal, there seems no reason why the direct injection method should not be used for internal tumours.

If approval is given, the trials could begin on volunteers by the end of this year. Professor Adrian Harris, of the ICRF's Clinical Oncology Laboratory at Oxford, is optimistic that the method will work in a technical sense, as the mouse experiments have been so successful. But will it actually kill the cancer? "We believe so, or we wouldn't be applying to the Clothier Committee," he says.

Therapies against other cancers might be designed using the same principles, he believes. For example, some cancers have the ability to disguise themselves from the immune system by retracting the receptors on their cell surfaces that would otherwise make them distinguishable. "We could introduce a gene that would force them to identify themselves, so that the immune system could see them and destroy them," he says.

He emphasises that lengthy proving trials and safety tests will have to be carried out, so that it is likely, even if all goes well, to be ten years before the therapy can come into general use.

In America, a cancer therapy using the interleukin 2 gene has been tried on a desperately-ill woman with a brain tumour. Doctors at the San Diego Regional Cancer Center were given permission for the therapy on compassionate grounds. It involves removing the woman's cells, inserting into them the interleukin 2 gene, and then replacing them in the bloodstream. The hope is that the effect will be to stimulate greater production of the foreign-cell killing T cells in the woman's body. Circulating in the blood, they will reach the brain and attack the cancer. No results have yet been reported for this trial, which is cruder in design than the ICRF method.

What other common diseases might be treated by gene therapy? When it was first mooted, the idea was that its principal use would be to correct the genetic errors, caused by heredity or spontaneous mutation, which lie behind such diseases as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis.

Now, trials are in hand or are planned for several such diseases, with the first British therapy to be approved aimed at a rare condition called adenosine deaminase deficiency, caused by a missing gene. The disease leaves victims without an effective immune system. A girl at Great Ormond Street Hospital, in London, will be treated by having bone marrow cells removed, treated to replace the missing gene whose task it is to produce the enzyme adenosine deaminase, and then replaced in her body. If successful, the cells will be able to produce the missing enzyme, without which the immune system cannot function. Gene therapy trials on two children in America, using roughly the same method, have produced encouraging results.

There are thousands of such conditions, and the genes responsible for them are being identified at an increasing rate, so the prospects for gene therapy are constantly widening. The Clothier Committee is considering an application from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, to use a mist of fat particles inhaled into the lungs to carry the corrected gene to where it is needed in cystic fibrosis patients.

In America, applications of the method are mutiplying so fast it is difficult to keep up. There are at least 37 proposed gene therapy experiments either approved or in the pipeline.

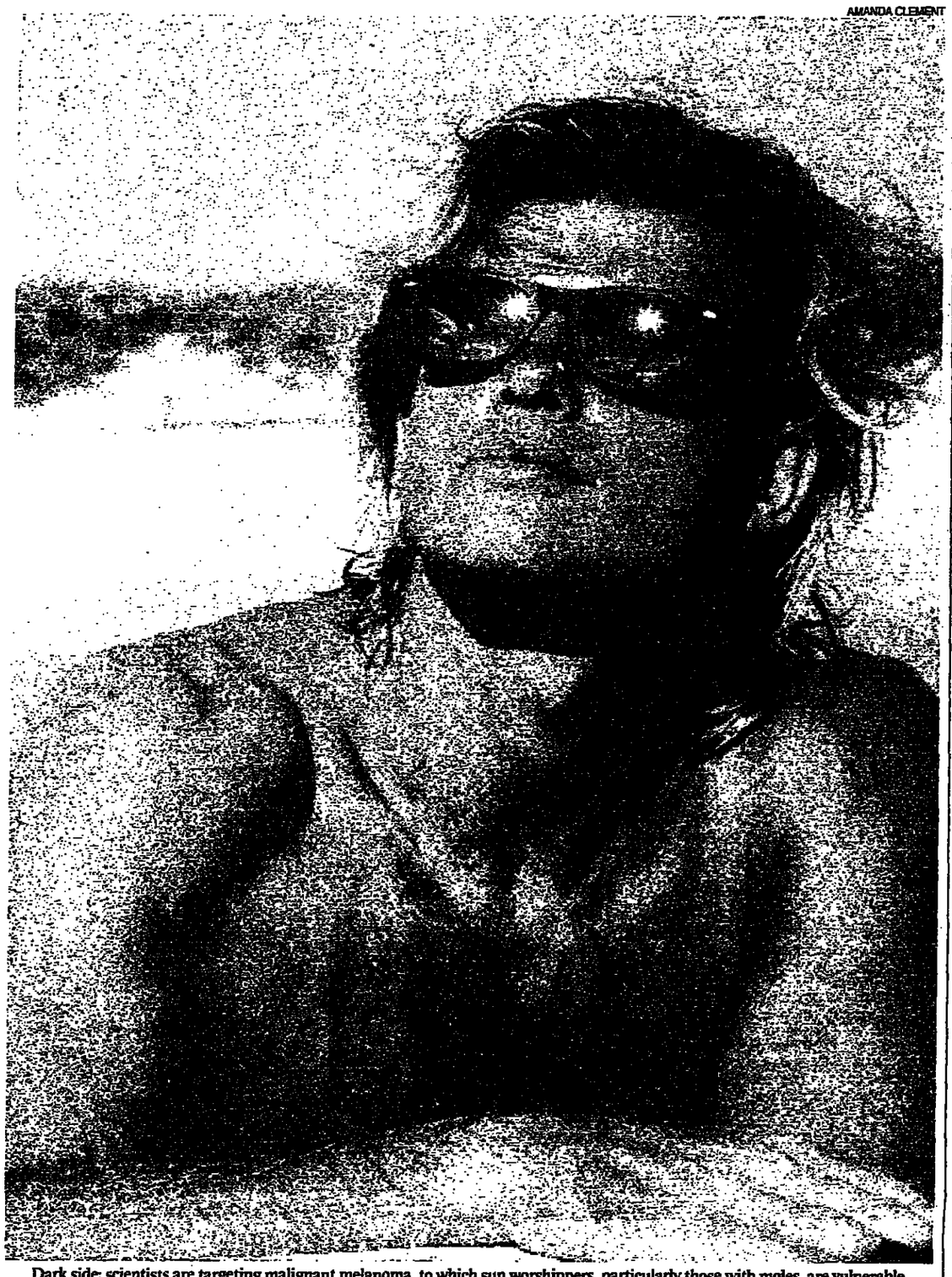
An even bigger potential benefit, however, lies in diseases such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's, where the cause may be only partially genetic but where the ability to alter brain cells might bring huge dividends.

Three papers published in the February issue of the journal *Nature Genetics* give a hint of what might be achieved. The same "blue" gene as used by the ICRF scientists has been attached to a virus vector, and injected directly into mice brains. The resulting blue colour of the brain cells shows that this method can be used to introduce genes into brain cells.

One possible use might be in stroke patients. The idea would be to reduce the effects of a stroke by introducing substances designed to minimise tissue damage to the brain. Alternatively the technique might be used to try to correct the damage caused by degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, or to target drugs directly at brain tumours. At present, however, these ideas are sketchy and a long way from application.

What is already clear, however, is that the range of potential applications for gene therapy is huge. The chances are that some disappointments lie ahead — in medical research things seldom work as well as their originators hope — but the prospects are exciting. A revolution in medical treament could be at hand.

AMANDA CLEMENT



Dark side: scientists are targeting malignant melanoma, to which sun worshippers, particularly those with moles, are vulnerable

Ignorance may be better

Do you want to know if you will get breast cancer?

My father has flat feet, a large nose and an unsightly mole on his side. He has handed them all down. None of them affects my life unduly. My mother had breast cancer. So did my grandmother. They may have handed it down. That would affect my life.

My mother's cancer was diagnosed five years ago, a tumour in the breast. At the time her specialist told her: "If I were you, I'd tell my daughter to get off the Pill." I threw a half empty packet of contraceptive pills in the bin.

Suddenly, I had become part of the "high risk" category — one of the hundreds of thousands of women in this country whose mothers or sisters had developed breast cancer under the age of 50.

If the truth be told no one was quite sure about the genetic link or where it would rear its ugly head. But opinion was and still is unanimous on one point — "catch it early". So once a month I psyched myself up and with a DIY diagram on breast examination in one hand, I poked around for lumps with the other.

Two days before my thirtieth birthday, I decided it was time I let someone who didn't need a diagram examine my breasts.

I went to one of the leading specialists in breast cancer and this is what happened:

I was nervous — not paranoid, just nervous. The consultant asked what seemed like hundreds of questions. "How old was your mother when she developed breast cancer?" "Does the family history of breast cancer go back further?" "Do you examine yourself?"

And then the inevitable. "Pop up on the table and we'll take a look at you." It wasn't just a look or a prod. His examination of my breasts was unbelievably thorough. He pushed, he tapped, he poked. Everything was fine.

Relieved, I sat opposite him. "Do you have any questions?" "Well, what I want to know is what exactly does it mean, this high risk category?"

The specialist began: "You have a 50 per cent chance of having inherited your mother's gene. If you haven't your chances of developing breast cancer are 1 in 12 — the same as every other woman in this country. If you have, you have an 80 per cent chance of getting breast cancer. Would you like to know?"

I felt my legs disappear. I started to shake. Would I what?

"Researchers have found strong genetic changes among women who have breast cancer and they are well on the way to determining the gene responsible. They know that it is on the long arm of chromosome 17 and it is a matter of months before they locate the precise gene."

My immediate reaction was no, no, no. I don't want to know. I don't want to walk around with the likelihood that I'm going to get breast cancer hanging like an albatross around my neck. There is only a *raison d'être* for this genetic discovery if something can be done for the young woman who is carrying the defective gene.

I attacked the consultant. "What if I did know. What could I do about it?"

"Well you may decide to do nothing about it. On the other hand extremists, or a woman with young children, may decide to have a double mastectomy."

Again I was shocked. I am rather attached to my breasts, far too attached to lose them for an illness which has not yet developed and may never do so. I say "may never" because even if I am carrying my mother's gene, no geneticist is God and maybe some women will carry the gene and never develop the illness.

The consultant senses I was worked up, and tried to calm me. "In the future we may well have another option. We may be able to remove areas of breast tissue, selectively destroying cancerous cells, but retaining the breast architecture, but that's science fiction at the moment."

If and when science fiction becomes a reality it will be totally logical to determine whether or not a woman is a carrier of the "breast cancer" gene. She will be able to do something about it. Something less drastic than losing both breasts.

In the meantime I will watch my diet, check myself, let the specialist check me and enjoy my relative peace of mind — that is when I get over the shock of being asked "Would you like to know?"

SUZANNE GLASS

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Star support for stammerers

THE actor and broadcaster Michael Palin will open, in London today, what is believed to be the first specialist centre in the UK to offer treatment for children who stammer. He will also launch the Sponsor a Child for Speech Therapy scheme.

Mr Palin became involved as a result of playing the stammering crook Ken in the film *A Fish Called Wanda*. Lena Rustin, a speech therapist and authority on the impediment, said that after the film was released she received reports of more children with stammers than usual becoming the butt of teasing. At the time, a national charity, the Association for Research into Stammering in Childhood, was trying to raise money for premises and research. Mrs Rustin says: "We were desperate for a vice-president who would be sympathetic and helpful to our cause so we approached Mr Palin. He had imitated his father's stammer in the film and he has been enormously supportive."

☐ Stammering, which is the same as stuttering, is defined as an involuntary repetition, prolongation or block which interrupts the normal flow of speech. It can cause anxiety and frustration and lead to bullying at school and discrimination in employment. Recent research established that some stammerers have difficulty co-ordinating the muscles for speech. Another theory is that some people focus tension in the larynx, locking the vocal chords.

☐ Stammering affects 1 per cent of the adult population and four times as many men as women. The male child of a female stammerer has a pre-disposition to inherit it, according to Mrs Rustin. Five per cent of children stammer at some stage of their development. Of these, 2 per cent will grow out of it naturally, and 2 per cent will speak fluently with help. One per cent will continue to stammer but early therapy, involving all the family, can help them to cope with the psychological and social problems that afflict stammerers. Disfluency usually starts between three and five years of age, appears less often between five and nine, and begins rarely after 12 or 13 years of age.

BOTTOM LINE

☐ The Association for Research into Stammering in Childhood (ARSC), was founded seven years ago by Travers Reid, a businessman whose stammer is now imperceptible but who says it used to be very much worse. He made a commitment that when he had money and time to spare he would do what he could to help other sufferers. "Stammering is a disability for life," he says. "And there is a lot of ignorance about it."

The new centre in Finsbury, north London, has been given to the ARSC at a peppercorn rent of £2,000 a year by Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust. It is estimated that 250 children will be treated annually using one-to-one therapy.

There are also facilities where specialists will be able to teach other speech therapists how to treat patients who stammer. In the Sponsor a Child for Speech Therapy scheme, the charity says that £120 will pay for a full assessment of a child and its parents, a further £130 will pay for six therapy sessions and £500 will pay for a two-week intensive course for child and parents. ARSC estimates that it will cost £122,000 a year to run the centre.

☐ *Time to Talk*, a video made by ARSC, illustrates the differences in the way families communicate with children who stammer and those who do not. Families are more likely to be anxious with the former and to talk faster. They also finish sentences for a stammering child, interrupt or are impatient. Parents are encouraged to maintain level eye contact with children who stammer, to talk slowly and not to ask too many questions at once.

Stammering is not curable, according to Mrs Rustin. She says: "Speech therapists do not talk about a cure because although many children become very fluent, there is always a possibility it could come back years later if circumstances are not quite the way you want them to be."

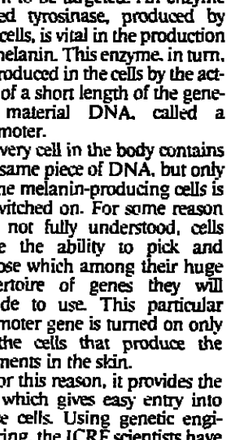
☐ A recent UK-wide survey of NHS speech therapy facilities for stammerers shows that only one-quarter of health districts offer a specialist service for children who stammer, according to Peter Cartwright, the director of the Association For Stammerers (AFS). The health regions most poorly served are the North-west, Northern, Trent and Wales.

☐ Stammering has occurred throughout history: in the bible "the tongues of stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly" (Isaiah 32:4). King George VI was a famous stammerer and Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe and Frankie Howerd were all afflicted. The writers Nevile Shute and Margaret Drabble, a patron of AFS, also had speech impediments as children.

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Alice Thomson meets the makers of an absurdly cheap, comic film about a Jewish pig farmer



ADRIAN BROOKS

Bringing home the bacon: novices Gary Sinyor, left, and Vadim Jean made their award-winning film on chutzpah, bagels and a Business Expansion Scheme

A kosher British winner

This is the story of a nice Jewish boy from north London who discovers that he is the product of early experiments in artificial insemination. His biological father is not a net-curtain king but a far from Kosher pig farmer in the Yorkshire Dales and Leon is his *heir. It is not long before Leon is* heading north and learning the art of artificially inseminating pigs.

Shortly before Gary Sinyor, the co-writer of this tale, began *filming Leon the Pig Farmer*, he received an irate letter stressing that there was *nothing* remotely funny in the idea of a Jewish pig farmer. The writer was Jewish; he farmed pigs in East Anglia.

The odds against such a combination were extraordinary. But even more extraordinary was the *fact that the film was made at all.* Last year only 12 British films were produced. Not only is *Leon* an acclaimed British film — it won awards at the Edinburgh and Venice film festivals — but this blithe excursion into home-grown surrealism was made on a budget of £160,000, one quarter of the cost of an episode of *A Year in Provence*.

Mr Sinyor, 30, and his co-director Vadim Jean, 29, were unknowns in the film industry. Yet they managed to lure such actors as Janet Suzman, Brian Glover and Connie Booth, and this week have had the kind of reviews that would make most Hollywood moguls eat their eyebrows.

They are understandably smug. In fact they are cooing over their success and as we sit in their publicist's office their rather small unHollywoodlike chests swell with pride every time the film is mentioned. They quote reviews like passages from the Torah and are stung by any criticism of characters being stereotyped (Derek Malcolm, in *The Guardian*). They emphasise that *The Jewish Chronicle* liked the film. They called it "accurate", although it is unlikely that the reviewer had been to a pig farm. "Go and see the film because it is funny not because it is cheap or British," says Mr Jean whose favourite review is, "an off the wall — off the wailing wall delight" (Hugo Davenport, *Daily Telegraph*).

Mr Sinyor is a self-confessed Marks & Spencer man with natty black glasses, slightly chubby, bristling cheeks, a knitted waistcoat and sensible jeans all bought by his mother or girlfriend. Mr Jean looks more the part, in black polo neck and silk waistcoat. "I'm the Jewish one," says Mr Sinyor. He is also exuberant and brash while Mr Jean is studiously calm. Mr Sinyor hates Mr Jean's lanky locks but otherwise they appear inseparable, finishing *off each others sentences and* nodding in agreement.

> 'I have had recurring fantasies about sperm banks and they just fitted in'

On January 4, 1990 the idea was born when Eric Idle, the former Monty Python man, saw a short Jewish comedy on BBC 2 that Mr Sinyor had done at film school. "On January 5 at about 11.32am he rang me up and asked me if I had any ideas for a feature film. I wanted a traditional Jewish guy ending up on a pig farm because I was once forced to go on a pig farm and the smell was so awful it still haunts me," says Mr Sinyor.

But why the artificial insemination? "I'm worried that I won't be able to have children. I don't think it is just Jewishness. Everyone worries about not being able to perform their duty so, from a young age I have had recurring fantasies about sperm banks and they just fitted in."

With Michael Normand, the Scottish-Jewish comedian, Mr Sinyor wrote a £3 million budget film. But this was £3 million more than the British Film Institute, British Screen and Channel 4 were prepared to give them. All three are probably now kicking themselves. Exit one dispirited Mr Idle.

Enter Mr Jean who ran a production company dealing with *corporate videos and sports programmes* and was desperate to direct a feature film. He meet Mr Sinyor — "it wasn't a candlelit dinner, more a bowl of olives" — and they knew they were going to do the film, "even if we did it on *nothing*".

In fact they did it on chutzpah, bagels and a Business Expansion Scheme. The actors and crew were all sent scripts with notes attached saying, "we have absolutely no money but we want to make it". All *agreed to work for deferred payment.* They wheedled cheap film processing, equipment hire and props and used coloured lemonade for champagne. One hundred and fifty extras paid £25 (to charity) for the privilege of appearing in the wedding scene.

Mr Sinyor writes, produces and does a little bit of directing. Mr Jean does the rest. Their only argument was over the pig farm scene. "I had expressly told Vadim that I could only stomach four pig shots so I was furious that he tried *to sneak in more.*"

It only takes a minute to realise that Mr Sinyor is Leon. "I am traditional Jewish. I enjoy the hypocrisy of religion, the families, the services, the neuroses and taking the piss out of people *who are not circumcised,*" he says.

"I used to be religious too," says Mr Jean, feeling left out. "I went to the Stockholm festival and they were all fascinated that a *non-Jew could make a Jew*ish film. But this film is really about the need to rebel and challenge your values."

"Yes, but Leon remains fundamentally Jewish," says Mr Sinyor. "If he went off on a Harley *Davidson with three cute chicks he* would come back because he had left his cardie at home."

Leon's food neurosis also come from Mr Sinyor, whose filofax lists his dislikes as pork, shellfish, mushrooms, cold baked beans, eggs, *chicken and cheese "except on top* of hot pizza".

Mr Sinyor was born in Manchester, went to Manchester Grammar School and Cambridge before going to the National Film and Television School. He lists his *formative experiences as circumcision*, his bar mitzvah and his seventeenth birthday when his mother started harrying him about getting married. Mr Jean, half French, went to Bristol Grammar School and Warwick University. He lists his hobbies as hockey and judo. Mr Sinyor does nothing in his spare time. "My script writing is based on a lot of introspection. For a long time I used to just drive round the North Circular every Saturday night," he says.

His family are his real hobby. "My parents saw the film on Wednesday and I was terrified. When my mother asked to be in the wedding scene she rang me up the next day and said it was very *nice but the tablecloths were all* wrong." They are scathing of the British film industry. They dislike those "lovely, lovely thirty-something films, like *Peter's Friends*, where they wander round with clipped upper-class accents", and "*those sweetly nice period films* such as *Howards End*".

While he acknowledges that both James Ivory and Kenneth Branagh consistently make successful films, Mr Jean also notes that "they have been around for a long time. First-*time film-makers are still flounder*ing. People who allegedly have money either don't give it to young film-makers or only want poor pastiches. There are loads of really funny films waiting to be made."

Mr Jean has already turned *down a $4 million Hollywood film* about a talking pig and Mr Sinyor has already been made an offer for his new script, but they are not budging from Britain. "I like being a big fish in small waters," says Mr Sinyor. Only in a film where Woody Allen meets James Herriot could a Jewish estate agent discover how to breed the world's first Kosher pig. With a bit of luck that British talent for making funny films could enjoy a renaissance.

A life on the ocean wave

Sir Julian Oswald, the man who sent women to sea with the Royal Navy, today retires as First Sea Lord

Helen of Troy was the face that launched a thousand *ships. Admiral Sir Julian* Oswald was the man who launched a thousand Wrens (nearly: yesterday there were about 660 at sea). Most people, bar a few navy traditionalists and a handful of Portsmouth wives, will thank him for it.

Today, as he completes his last morning in the navy after a 46-year career which took him from a cadet to First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Sir Julian has no regrets about his recommendation to ministers to have mixed sex crews, in spite of "little tattle tabloid" stories of a few members of the Women's Royal Naval Service and male colleagues who have broken the golden rule: no touching.

"I shan't mind being known as the man who introduced Wrens on ships, any more than Admiral Sir Michael Le Fanu minded abolishing the tot of rum, which was a right and timely decision," he says, sitting for the last time at his desk in the defence ministry.

Nearly 90 Wrens are at sea on board HMS *Ark Royal*, the carrier heading the small naval task force in the Adriatic, sent to reinforce — or withdraw — the 2,500 British troops serving with the United Nations in Bosnia. Wrens also served on warships sent to the Gulf during the war with Iraq.

Sir Julian, who retires today at the age of 60, had his own worries about sending Wrens to sea even though he was convinced it would benefit the navy.

So he asked his three daughters at breakfast what they thought of the idea. "They told me not to be such a stick-in-the-mud," he said. "I found the junior view quite helpful." Now, he confidently predicts that a woman will command a warship within ten years.

When he joined the navy in 1947, *no one would have* dared make such a bold suggestion. There were more Wrens serving just after the second world war than *there are sailors*, male and female, in today's navy. But they were all shore-based. "It struck me as quite wrong that we should call for women to join the navy and then tell them they can't *take part in the main activity, going* to sea," he said. "But when the new policy began 2½ years ago, it had to be introduced carefully. It has been an outstanding success and that's a tribute to the ladies involved."

He added: "I deprecate the odd incident but it's far less important than the general principle. The fleet guidance is to maintain a 'no touching' rule, for obvious reasons, and the vast majority have applied the rule sensibly."

Sir Julian's first command was HMS *Yarnton*, a minesweeper, which brings back unfortunate memories. On a visit to a Dutch port in 1965, he walked the plank to the quayside, missed his footing, and fell into the water, knocking himself out as his head bounced off the hull of the ship and the concrete harbour wall.

Walking the plank with sure footing is a skill that every navy chief has to learn once he swaps the command of a warship for command of a desk in the defence ministry. The days of First Sea Lords marching to Downing Street to complain to the prime minister about cuts are over. Complaints are made, but generally in the form of discreet memos sent to the sixth floor.

Sir Julian is a friendly and open man but he knows how to divert awkward questions about navy cuts. Unlike American service chiefs who often speak their mind, British military leaders have to be conscious of their ministers' sensitivities. Inside the defence ministry, they also have to think "purple", which means planning from a central staff basis — tri-service, not single service.

Sir Julian has held the top job in the navy during a traumatic time. The end of the Cold War meant a drastic review of the navy's size. Manpower and ships had to be reduced to a level commensurate with the new world order, or what people believed would be the new world order. Twenty-five years ago, Sir Julian served in a navy which boasted 76 destroyers and frigates. Under the government's *Options for Change* defence restructuring, that level is to drop to "around 40". There are fears in the navy that the number will drop further because of pressure on the defence budget.

"In general terms, I would expect *the trend to go downwards,*" Sir Julian said, but then pointed out that as we spoke, 27 Royal Navy ships were visiting foreign countries.

Britain no longer rules the waves, but even with the present round of cuts, Sir Julian believes the Royal Navy will remain the second most influential fleet in the world, after the United States Navy. "The Russian navy is bigger than ours but they are heavily constrained by their economic problems," he said, a polite way of saying that the majority of Russian warships are tied up in dock.

Sir Julian believes there will be a continuing need for the navy to keep three aircraft carriers. The present ships, HMS *Illustrious*, HMS *Ark Royal* and HMS *Invincible*, are in good working order and will not be replaced until the next century, when the latest Sea Harriers on board, armed with advanced medium-range missiles and Blue Vixen radar, will need replacing.

The new carrier fighter is likely to be a collaborative project, he said, perhaps with the US Marines.



At sea: Sir Julian with Lt Anne Stanley



Ship shape: Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord

Collaboration has been another important development in Sir Julian's time as First Sea Lord. After the abandonment of the so-called *NFR90 project, when eight Nato* countries tried to design a frigate together, he put his signature to the Anglo-French frigate, subsequently joined by the Italians. He said they had learnt the NFR90 lessons and was confident the new collaborative warship would be built.

"The only difference between the French and ourselves is that we intend to call the ship a destroyer and they want to call it a frigate, but it doesn't make any difference," he said.

Whatever the ship is called, there are sure to be Wrens serving on board who will remember it was Sir Julian who put them there.

MICHAEL EVANS

When the end of the world came early

The shootout in America between religious fanatics and police spotlights the reasons why dropouts feel secure in cults

As the tragic consequences of a volatile mix of guns, mind control and a doomsday prophet burst into the headlines yesterday, Americans were once again forced to ask what is it about their society that produces a seemingly endless array of weird cults whose paranoid antics often lead to violence and even death.

The shootout in Texas between federal agents and the followers of David Koresh (also known as Vernon Howell), a man who claims to be Christ, *had all the hallmarks* of previous confrontations involving fanatical disciples convinced that it is them against the world.

The Branch Davidians, a renegade offshoot of the Seventh Day Adventists, believe that the world is coming to an end. They are convinced that when it does they will need to defend themselves against the non-believers who, as the secular economy collapses, will try to invade the cult's compound. *That explains their stockpiling of* arms and their survivalist, siege mentality.

The ultimate example of this mentality was the mass suicide and killings of the Peoples' Temple, the San Francisco cult formed by the Rev Jim Jones who in *1978 led his* followers, mostly poor and many of them black, to Jonestown, a remote jungle clearing in Guyana.

Families living in tents or log homes gave Jones everything they owned. A US Congressman, Leo Ryan, went to Jonestown to investigate. A score of people wanted to leave and Ryan offered them a lift on his plane. Jones' henchmen ambushed the group on the airstrip, killing Ryan and four others. The next day, Jones convinced his followers they could not survive the wrath of the outside world. They drank a cyanide-laced fruit drink, some willingly, others under coercion, with parents making their children drink the poison. In all, 913 died in the episode.

Cults often start off harmlessly. The late Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh led his flock, a surprising number of them from Britain, to an isolated valley in Oregon where they set about creating their own paradise with a mixture of free love and feel-good rhetoric. Cult members regarded Rajneesh as their guru and rewarded him with a fleet of 95 Rolls Royces, all for his personal use.

But events turned nasty as the Rashneeshis' behaviour began to upset the moral standards of their Oregonian neighbours. The siege mentality was fomented by the Bhagwan's secretary, Ma Anand Sheela, who became the cult's dominant force, reducing him to an impotent oracle. Eventually she pleaded guilty to engineering a food poisoning epidemic in a nearby town, attempted murder, and electronic eavesdropping, reflecting the paranoia that seizes cults as the outside world closes in.



Cult leader Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh: 95 Rolls Royces

The first perpetrator of the modern American phenomenon of cult brutality was Charles Manson who showed how a charismatic but maniacal figure could order his devotees to commit the most hideous crimes, in his case seven deaths in the Hollywood Hills. To this day, the women serving time for the Manson murders and other crimes refuse to *denounce him.*

But why do cults flourish in America particularly? Because of a prevalent sense of exclusion, according to Dr David Eddy, a clinical psychologist whose patients include teenagers growing up in the Washington suburbs.

"We've had more family decay and changes of family life in the last 20 years than ever before. Young people are being told to hurry growing up, to become economically independent as soon as they can. There is a strong push to leave home and be successful," he says. "Those who can't make it are gullible prey for the cults."

Cults offer a sanctuary and a structured society for those who feel they are living in a vacuum or who cannot cope with pressures of the real world. Cultists see an opportunity for social advancement and fulfilment denied them on the *outside. Typically, cults offer* economic security, spiritual support, physical protection and quite frequently an array of sexual partners. The cult takes care of all the big decisions; where to work, how to live, often who and when to marry and have children.

Dr Margaret Singer, a cult expert and former professor at Berkeley, has observed: "Most of these kids don't know what the bottom line of joining a cult is. They *receive a lot of attention, affection* and flattery. They are taught to believe their salvation, even their life depends on staying in the cult."

Dr Eddy explains why the efforts of deprogrammers, the specialists who try to wean members away from a cult, so often fail: "The deprogammer is trying to offer help and comfort to someone who has become convinced that only the cult can provide him with spiritual nourishment."

IAN BRODIE

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Lynne Truss



We will always be an hour behind Europe unless we take drastic action and skip a month

The world has run mad. There are plans to abolish the ancient custom of beggaring about with the clocks. No more Greenwich Mean Time or British Summertime, that's the proposal: just Central European Time, possibly all year round. It would be greatly advantageous, apparently. Campaigners claim that the extended evenings will not only encourage tourists ("Visit Britain! Yes, it's expensive and dirty, but by jingo, it's light till half past nine!"), but will meanwhile magically transform the crabbed indigenous peoples into expansive outdoor pavement-café types, possibly with Lambrettas and a love of babies and song. Those grumpy old dairy farmers who complain it will be bloody dark at milking time have been advised simply to set their alarms for a later hour. Which is a fair point, actually. After all, so long as no idiot gives them wrist-watches, the cows are highly unlikely to rumble the deceit.

Statistics about the impact on human happiness are being bandied about, but don't listen, it's all a red herring. My theory is that the campaign originated among international businessmen who are just fed up with arriving at work each morning to discover that, whatever time they get started, the Europeans are already an hour ahead. "Morning, Hans," they say cheerfully to their counterparts in Frankfurt. "Oh, so *morning* still in London it is?" comes the cool, infuriating reply.

Being thrown on to the back foot in this manner is the sort of thing that ultimately drives you nuts, especially when you are British and already aware of being innately second-rate. It makes you feel like swiping German towels off sunbeds and hurling them in the pool. Remember how in childhood there were kids who said "I'm six months older than you, and nah-nah-nah-I-always-will-be?"; well, you can bet that the European business community conducts itself just like that.

Still, an unalterable geographic disadvantage is a paltry reason for abandoning Greenwich Mean Time. Either we should accept this hour-behind fate like brave little soldiers, or do something imaginative to leap-frog the competition. For example, why not skip a month? Losing February would have been nice, all things considered, and it would have set us so far ahead of everybody, temporally speaking, that we could even afford a few Great British Lie-ins in the year ahead. "Oh, so *February* still in Frankfurt it is?" we could say, as we rip the month off the calendar and chuck it in the bin. "Here in London in *March* now finds us." Imagine the advantages to a falling economy — no registered job losses for a whole month, no borrowings, graphs on which downward plummeting lines suddenly go soaring up like larks. This could be the artificial kick-start we've all been waiting for.

Of course, they did something like it in the mid-18th century, when England, after hundreds of years staunchly adhering to a faulty calendar, finally adopted the Gregorian "New Style", and needed to catch up. The ignominy had got too much, probably — visiting Europeans asking people in the street what they thought the date was, and then falling about laughing. So in 1752, 11 days were dropped, thus making September 14 follow directly from September 2, much to the annoyance of people whose birthdays fell in between. The populace went berserk — especially those who had been looking forward to some decent presents. "Give us back our 11 days!" they expostulated loudly. "How can it possibly be the 14th? It's Thursday!"

This outburst of popular feeling has always been regarded as an example of mob *stupidity, yet at the same time it does point to* a more optimistic age, when common folk thought that a week and a half was worth having. Ask people nowadays whether they mind losing February, and they will say no, great idea, take March as well, I was depressed anyway. Besides, as anyone will tell you, time has never been the same since Accurist got into the picture: somehow the certainty has gone out of it. "At the third stroke, the time sponsored by Accurist will be 10.32 and 40 seconds." Fair enough, you think, but what's the time *not* sponsored by Accurist? And how could you ever find out?

Two men who died on the same day showed extraordinary human courage: may they never be forgotten

What turns plain men into heroes?

Bernard Levin

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. Well, let us: Ecclesiasticus is a very wise old bird, and if he says we should, I think we are bound to go along with his notion. What follows?

What follows is a detailed description of what makes the famous men famous, and a pretty formidable picture it makes. For instance, "they were such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding." Moreover, "they were wise and eloquent in their instructions"; some of them, indeed, "found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing." "All these were honoured in their generations"; well, I should think so. At any rate, "they have left a name behind them."

So what's the problem? Just this: "... some there be, which have no memorial"; these poor devils "are perished, as though they had never been". Ah, but wait, because "these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten," and that's a mercy, you must agree. Oh, to be sure, "their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore," and to top it all off, "the people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise," which is pretty good work if you can get it, eh?

And today I shall record the life and work of two men, one from each of the two categories. They died on the same day, a week or so ago; it is possible that each of them knew of the existence of the other. Not that it matters; they did their deeds — and what deeds! — and although both of them ultimately failed in their endeavours, Ecclesiasticus was right when he said "their name liveth for evermore". And so it should.

One was German, the other Dutch. The German was one of the famous men, the Dutchman one of those whose seed shall continually remain a good inheritance. I turn first to the German.

His name was Axel von dem Bussche: the "von" marked him as of good German blood. Born in 1919, he became a regular army officer as soon as he finished school, and when war came in 1939, though by then he despised Hitler and the Third Reich, he did his duty as a man fighting for his country.

His eyes were not quickly opened, but when they were, he was a man fighting evil to the end. His turning point was to see a queue of 2,000 Jews — men, women, children, babies, greybeards — waiting to be shot into the graves they had been made to dig. So unprepared for such dreadfulness, von dem Bussche ran back from the impending massacre and pleaded with his Commanding Officer to stop it; the CO did not, and must have been amazed at von dem Bussche's naivety. (There should be, in all fairness, a tiny extra memorial, to the regimental clerk who alerted von dem Bussche to what was about to happen.)

From that day, von dem Bussche knew that Hitler must be killed, and he offered himself to do the noble deed. He got into contact with the Stauffenberg group, and devised an assassination plot of heroic proportions; on a pretext, he temporarily left his regiment to go to a gathering at which Hitler, Himmler and Goering would be present. The hero went with a hand-grenade in his pocket; he was going to fling himself on the Führer and clutch him long enough to blow up the Nazis — and, of course, himself. But Hitler cancelled the ceremony.

Von dem Bussche was very seriously wounded in action, but remained ready to help Stauffenberg and the plot; in hospital, he heard the news of the failed assassination. So he did not kill Hitler; nobody did, till he did it himself in the bunker. Yet is not that patrician German officer — *sans peur et sans reproche* — worthy of the words of Ecclesiasticus, "There be of them, that have left a name behind them"? He failed in his great endeavour, but before the throne failure and success are one, and the only question that must be answered is: were you true to the end? Of a certainty, he was true to the end, and assuredly regretted only that his bravery had not born fruit.

And now for one of those who have no "von" in their names, who were not born of a long line of aristocrats, and who, had it not been for the second world war, might well have figured in the list of those who "have no memorial", and "are perished, as though they had never been". But they, too, in the end, were saluted for their own endeavours, "and the congregation will shew forth their praise".

His name was Jan Gies: he was 87 when he died, 14 years older than von dem Bussche. He was Dutch; he had no particular reason to help Jews; for that matter, I don't suppose he would have allowed anyone to call him a hero. But a hero he was, for all that. During the German occupation of the Netherlands, Jan Gies, with his equally heroic wife, worked with the underground, finding them safe hiding-places, getting them ration cards, ferrying food to the members of the resistance who were undercover.

But that was not all. He and his wife hid a Jew in their own home throughout the occupation, at the peril of their lives. Yet this heroic couple ("... merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten ...") did even more than that.

I have seen the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam more than once; no truly human beings could stop the tears when, going round that little room, they come to the horizontal pencil-marks on the wall. Such lines signify, in many homes all over the world, that a child is growing up, and marking, half-inch by half-inch, the progress towards adulthood. In Anne Frank's secret home, that tradition was followed; it takes a moment to understand why for Anne the lines stop, though the child was still growing. But I have never stopped to think how the family lived, boarded up in their tragic prison-hospice. Only now, at the news of Gies's death, did I take in the fact that, since the family could not leave their hiding-place, others, gentiles, must have brought them food, drink, soap, handkerchiefs, news, hope. Jan Gies was the man who did it, together with his wife.

They had no call to do it, other than God's. They were not Jews, they did not know the Frank family, they could have lived quietly and undisturbed throughout the rest of the war and occupation, and have had no cause to reproach themselves. But "their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore", for what they did without any compulsion, any prompting.

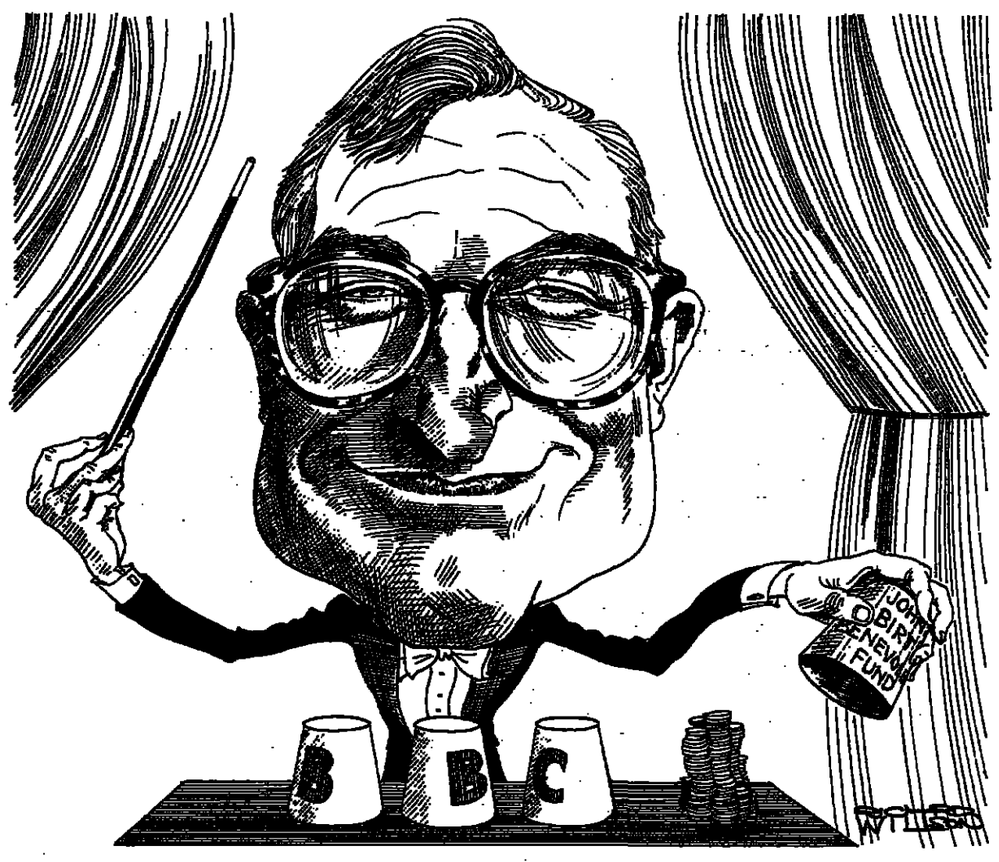
I recall an account of the exploits of another such man, this one in Nazi Germany itself. He, too, was an ordinary citizen with no reason to risk his life, but he ended up hiding, in his own home, no fewer than eight Jews; his wonderful mantra, repeated every time he took in the next tainted wether of the flock, was "We have said A, now we must say B."

Sometimes, when I contemplate men like von dem Bussche and Gies, I begin to think that the world should not, after all, be consumed by fire from heaven; certainly, if heaven stays its hand, we shall have only them to thank. Do people like that even guess at what they have in them, until it is brought out by terrible necessity? When Axel von dem Bussche put the hand-grenades into his capacious pockets, when Jan Gies whistled low at the boarded-up door of the Franks, signalling that a loaf or two was at hand, did they think of the potential consequences, did their hands tremble a little, were their mouths unusually dry? Or did they all chant the same mantra and proclaim "We have said A, now we must say B," and get on with the job?

Who can say? Not they themselves. I'll be bound; Ecclesiasticus really did know what he was talking about. The blue-blooded German and the innocent Dutchman are, in the end, birds of a feather, and demonstrated it anew by dying on the same day. "And the people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise." May they rest in peace. Oh, they will, they will.

Birt, the BBC and the taxman

Graham Searjeant on the moral pitfalls of tax avoidance by senior executives



We taxpayers are of one view: I pay too much, you do not pay your fair whack. That originally sinful envy grew into something near paranoia in the Sixties and Seventies, when income tax rates peaked at 98 per cent, half the world seemed to be on the fiddle and such vulgar suspicions about one's neighbours were all too often right. It reaches a climax of righteousness when a highly paid public servant seems to be paying less tax than a casual reading of the tax schedules might suggest he should.

The tax affairs of John Birt, the new director-general of the BBC, are, like those of any citizen, a matter between himself and the Inland Revenue. Taxpayers are entitled to arrange their affairs to pay the minimum tax the law allows. They do so in full knowledge that tax inspectors are unlikely to prove naive and trusting souls who will accept without question a taxpayer's version of events, especially if that deprives the Chancellor of the Exchequer of funds he feels entitled to. The Revenue seems to have accepted that Mr Birt, nominally deputy director-general of the BBC since 1987, was in fact merely filling that post as the representative of a freelance consultancy company.

To the outside world, that does not seem quite right. Aside from envy, there is a feeling that someone running a public institution of great influence and high-minded purpose should not be too concerned about the commercial details of take-home pay. Taking the arrangements at face value, the idea of a freelance director-general would not fit the public's unthinking perception of the BBC's importance and dignity.

In the business world, company doctors take temporary assignments and professional company directors spread their supposed talents around. They are sometimes hired guns rather than committed company people. Running the BBC has been seen as the apex of a distinguished career rather than an interesting short-term contract.

Inside the corporation, Mr Birt may not carry the full moral burden bequeathed by Lord Reith but he is seen as a more modern kind of puritan, whether in his attitude to programming or in his mission to modernise the corporation, sweep away its old Spanish customs and make viewers' licence fees go further. That has made naturally him many enemies who will have taken delight in his personal embarrassment. The modern puritan reformer is wise to adopt a lifestyle that makes the regimen of Caesar's wife look lax, as Mr Birt sensibly acknowledged yesterday by deciding to join the the BBC staff in his new job at its helm.

His old personal financial arrangements went back 20 years and were, in reality, a typical product of that high tax era. In those days, a clever tax adviser was as vital an accessory to the smart high-flier as a Porsche and a portable telephone were to the City whizzkids of the Eighties. Rarely was so much brainpower diverted to so little useful social purpose.

By the standards of the day, Mr Birt's arrangements were straightforward. Indeed, they are to this day conventional among some programme staff at the BBC, though perhaps not for much longer. The seriously rich were more desperate to avoid tax, spawning a tawdry tax avoidance industry that played sophisticated games with the Revenue and worked on the margin between legal avoidance and illegal evasion. Tax considerations often overrode investment judgments, inviting the financial frauds that, most spectacularly, hit Lloyd's.

Even at that level, the moral issue was muddy. When tax rates were confiscatory, might taxpayers not justly treat the law with contempt and exploit any legal loophole to protect their personal interest?

High tax rates created a kind of corruption in Britain as inevitably as Prohibition had in America 40 years earlier. Sweeping away the egalitarian fiction that the rich were being soaked was one of the finest achievements of the Thatcher era. Today, the affluent have no moral excuse to avoid paying a just tithe of their income to the community. Only those at the bottom of the *economic heap, who still face punitive* marginal tax rates, can argue for seeking relief in the black economy.

The enterprise economy brought different temptations. Top managers have taken advantage of the low-tax regime to pay themselves enough to live as high as anyone in the land and have used devices such as share options to acquire the wealth that formerly went only with inheritance or taking the risks of building an enterprise from scratch. Instead of denouncing film and pop-stars, the British commercial establishment made a collective decision to join them. Industry has developed star *company directors and managers in the* same lunatic way that Hollywood elevated a few actors into bankable brand-names while leaving the many of equal talent struggling to earn a living.

Nowhere can that be more frustrating than at the BBC. Mr Birt, like most of his senior colleagues, lives in a world where working for a public corporation cuts them off from the financial perks of private enterprise rivals with whom they are expected to compete on equal terms. Nor are senior executives paid anything like as much as top performers, even though their jobs are becoming nearly as risky as a fleetingly fashionable actor's.

Where the public pays, however, democracy decrees that it can impose its double standards. Paying high fees for the stars is one thing, paying high salaries for the boss quite another. The lure of working to high standards in the public interest is still a powerful counter-weight to the culture of individualism, but the tide is against it. If taxpayers and licence-fee payers want to buy quality on a par with the private sector, either the pay of top managers in public service will have to rise further or the culture must reverse so that working for the public is again something to be proud of.

Millions missed

POOR John Birt. His decision yesterday to abandon his freelance status at the BBC is not the first to cost him dear. When Birt joined the BBC from London Weekend Television he turned his back on a crock of gold.

First he missed a six-figure share-option scheme when he took the deputy director general's job in March 1987. But that was peanuts compared to what he would have earned had he still been at LWT in 1990, when the company slapped "golden handcuffs" on 44 executives, to try to prevent them being lured away in the run-up to the franchise auction.

Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of LWT, says: "He would have qualified for the same arrangements as Greg Dyke, the chief executive. Those arrangements would have been worth several million pounds. Money clearly does not drive John Birt."

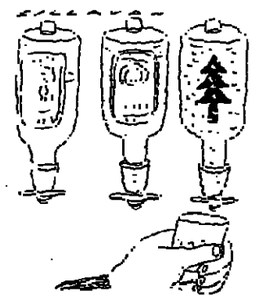
But money, albeit other people's, was on his mind when he joined the BBC. Within four months of his arrival, concerned by how much BBC stars could earn from making training and promotional videos, Birt ordered a crackdown on freelance earnings. Ironically he ordered new guidelines requiring employees to register their business activities and interests. A case of the Birt bit?

Booze block

BRITAIN'S growing thirst for flavoured vodkas should be a boon to countries such as Poland. But it is not quite working out that way, at least according to Leon Kotrie, a Cheshire businessman with $1 million-worth of Polish vodka on order which he cannot get out of the country. Kotrie is now hoping that vodka is on the agenda as well as the menu at tomorrow's Downing Street talks between John Major and Hanna Suchocka, the Polish prime minister.

"My business is poised to go down the drain because of the corruption and bribery that is going on," he complains. "Many British businessmen have given up competing in this unfair Polish market. The Polish authorities and the new anti-corruption body are not acting quickly enough."

According to Kotrie, the Lancut distillery from which he hopes to get his vodka is working at half capacity because export licences have not been secured. But he refuses to stoop to the country's non-alcoholic method of easing the path of commerce: bribery. Nor is he having any more luck with the import licences he needs to get the flavourings to Lancut, having been turned down on the ground that flavouring vodka is "like a plastic Christmas tree".



DIARY

● *Even 30 odd years after she divorced him, the Broadway dancer Ruby Keeler, who died at the weekend aged 82, could not shake off the tag of being Mrs Al Jolson. During her 1971 comeback with Debbie Reynolds in the Broadway Hit* No No Nanette, *Keeler stuck a notice on her dressing-room door saying, "Will Miss Reynolds please note that my name is not Mrs Al Jolson. My name is Miss Keeler, and I am a Broadway dancer of some note."*

Next in line

ONE OF the Foreign Office's leading experts on the former Soviet Union, Roderic Lyne, is expected to succeed Stephen Wall as John Major's private secretary dealing with foreign affairs.

Major has not had to look far for a replacement. Lyne, who is head of the Foreign Office's Eastern department, is doing exactly the job Wall did before he was catapulted into Downing Street. Wall is now off to be our man in Lisbon.

But the appointment suggests they don't make private secretaries like they used to. Sir Charles Powell, one of the more celebrated occupants of the chair, lasted almost eight years with Baroness Thatcher.

Soames memorial

RUPERT PENNANT-REA, editor of *The Economist*, still has four months before he takes over as the Bank of England's deputy governor, but he is already practising his fundraising skills. He has launched an appeal for cash to fund bursaries for black pupils to two boarding schools in Zimbabwe, where he was a student from 1956 to 1965.

The bursaries are intended to be a memorial to Lord Soames, who as the country's last governor in 1979-80 oversaw the transition from Rhodesia, the former colony, to Zimbabwe, the republic.

Pennant-Rea says that his wish to commemorate Soames was prompted partly because "nothing has been done for him. The vital ingredient for the peaceful changeover was his relationship with Robert Mugabe. Together they saw clearly what were the best interests of the country."

Pennant-Rea hopes to raise about £200,000, the interest from which will fund ten pupils, one in each year at Ruzawi, a boys' prep school, and at Peterhouse, a co-educational public school.

His initiative has "moved and thrilled" Lady Soames, who has returned to Zimbabwe twice since her husband's death six years ago. "We were there such a short time, but it was so exciting, so dramatic. It was hard to keep our feet on the ground. But lasting things did come out of that time — such as my friendship with Robert Mugabe."





David Gower (left) and Donald Bradman: common cause

How they played the game

England's Test selectors may be dithering, but the BBC has chosen David Gower to write a foreword for a history of the Ashes which is published next month, shortly before the England squad is announced. Gower shares the honours with success in 1985 was "the pinnacle of his career", and signs off with a flourish. More important than cricket, he writes, is the goodwill: "No matter who wins or loses, the spirit of the Ashes can be honourably shared." Or the Ashes' claret, burgundy.

PLUS C'EST LA MEME CHOSE

The French are tired of the waiting game

France's political landscape has rarely looked bleaker, or more bizarre, than it does as the campaign for this month's parliamentary elections opens. Recession, which France has hitherto fended off better than most of its neighbours, is now sapping confidence. But the deeper cause of the national malaise is political. Four out of five French people disapprove of the way the country is run and the political class, which is the butt of their anger, appears to agree. Common to left and right, rich and poor and all generations is the conviction that the country is mired in a political, constitutional and economic swamp.

In theory at least, the elections will produce a dramatic changing of the guard, sweeping away 12 years of almost uninterrupted socialist government. The campaign may affect the scale of the socialists' defeat but cannot, it seems, avert it. The latest opinion polls predict that the centre-right coalition, Union pour la France (UPF), will win 38.5 per cent of the popular vote, which would give it over 420 of the 555 metropolitan seats in the National Assembly.

The death of the Socialist Party (PS) has already been proclaimed by Michel Rocard, its leading candidate for the 1995 presidential elections. The party's projected share of the vote stands at 19 per cent, which would leave it with fewer than 100 seats. The party's managers would view 25 per cent as a miracle and acknowledge that they could even suffer the humiliation of winning fewer votes than the environmental parties.

Yet if the socialists have already admitted defeat, the parties of the right view their impending victory with apprehension. The main reason is the brooding presence of President Mitterrand in the Elysée. In other countries, a socialist president and a conservative prime minister could cohabit easily enough: but not in France. The ambiguities in the constitution of the Vth Republic give the president considerable margin; and M Mitterrand has used his 11 years in office to accumulate more day to day authority than any president since General de Gaulle. The damage a socialist president is capable of inflicting on an uncongenial government, demonstrated during the two years of "cohabitation" between 1986 and 1988, is fresh in the right's memory.

The UPF feels itself trapped. After years of rising prosperity, the economy has taken an abrupt dive. Retail sales, construction and investment are all flat and unemployment is touching 3 million. Unpopular reforms will be needed to restore growth and confidence. But if they are undertaken, the pain will be felt before 1995, the benefits after.

All eyes are fixed on the presidential elections in 1995. Neither Jacques Chirac nor Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the two old warriors of the right, would relish being offered the job of prime minister by M Mitterrand: both fear that this would jeopardise their chances in the presidential race. Today, the socialists are completely discredited, thanks to a series of corruption scandals and what is perceived as economic mismanagement. But the right, too, is very much on probation: all politicians are seen as out of touch with France's real problems.

France has half-modernised its economy, with some painful effects. A gulf has opened between a prosperous, largely urban, entrepreneur class and the "old France" of small shopkeepers, rebellious farmers and fishermen, top-heavy state sector and workers in traditional industrial sectors. Resentment against immigrants exacerbates these tensions and is now shared by people who accept that intolerance is morally abhorrent.

These problems will be tackled effectively only when France modernises its political system — and finds new leaders. Its three political titans — Messrs Mitterrand, Chirac and Giscard d'Estaing, have been ministers since the time of Attlee, Kennedy and the *événements* of 1968 respectively. The country is as hungry for change as it was when the socialists swept to government in 1981. The trouble today is that the voters no longer expect the politicians to deliver.

GAS WARFARE

Competition is better than interventionary regulation

The six-year fight between British Gas and its regulator, Ofgas, was broken up last year when the referee, in the form of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, was finally persuaded to step in to hold the contestants apart. Now the two opponents are punching the air with just as much vigour. Yesterday, Sir James McKinnon, Ofgas's feisty director-general, suggested in his submission to the MMC that British Gas be broken up into competitive parts. The reaction from British Gas was suitably pugilistic: its chairman, Robert Evans, described the proposal as "a smash and grab raid".

Privatisations in Britain were conducted on a basis of learn-as-you-go. Ministers had three, often conflicting goals. The first two — to raise the maximum amount of money from as many shareholders as possible, and to create a private-sector industry better managed and more profitable than by civil servants — were usually compatible. The third — to ensure that a public monopoly was not merely turned into a private monopoly — emerged more slowly and was often in direct conflict with the other two.

Later privatisations introduced the concept of competition, if not the reality, from the start. Earlier ones, such as gas, could emulate their successors only if they had regulators tough enough to enforce a creeping form of competition on the company after it had reached the stock market. This has led to confrontation with shareholders. When gas was privatised, the prospectus contained an undertaking about the future integrity of the company. That was a foolish pledge to make. It must not simply be ignored. But it cannot now act as an overriding veto on any attempt to restructure British Gas in the interests of consumers and, in the long run, of the nation.

Sir James's submission points out that British Gas is not one monopoly, but three: in purchasing, in transportation via a national pipeline, and in supply. The pipeline is the only part of the gas supply chain that is a natural monopoly. The others could easily be opened up to competition. Ofgas is supposed to represent the interests of the customer, yet different customers have different interests. Some, say, are more concerned about price than security of supply.

In general, the more competition there is, the more downward pressure there will be on prices without the need for regulation. But that may not be the MMC view on gas. Ofgas's submission will be only one among many. The Commission will have to decide, first, whether competition will benefit the gas consumer. Will smaller, regional supply companies, for instance, have the clout to negotiate low prices with gas suppliers? British Gas has built up a high profile abroad: would a break-up endanger this, or will the regional companies be able to act together internationally?

The interests of the consumer are more likely than not to equate with the interests of the nation. Competition is generally more desirable than unpredictable regulation. With luck, even Sid the shareholder might benefit from a break-up. He might become richer holding a portfolio of shares in freely operating regional companies than in a regulated monolith whose market share is doomed to shrink at the regulator's whim. It is up to British Gas to prove otherwise.

RETREAT OF THE BOOKS

Public libraries could learn a trick or three from Waterstone's

The cheapest way out of the poverty of existence is still a good book, especially in the United Kingdom, where since 1850 it has been possible to borrow one for nothing from a local public library. Thus there is a paradox in one of the conclusions of *Cultural Trends 1992*, published today by the Policy Studies Institute. With a scaffolding of formidable statistics it shows that for the past years of recession Britons have steadily spent more on books in real terms, while loans by libraries have fallen steadily. Can the paradox be explained? Or is the public library service in terminal decline?

Librarians blame "the cuts". No doubt more money would help. But libraries could do more themselves to reverse their declining trend and return to the high ground where they should be, as the cultural and educational centres of their communities. Today's weaker libraries seem stuck in a municipal time-warp of the Fifties, acting as utility creches, out-stations of the social security offices and refuges from the cold. The stronger ones have been so firmly captured by fashionable heresy that politically incorrect books are censored, whether because they have pretty little pigs or Little Black Sambo as heroes, or, as a contributor recently proposed in the journal of the Library Association, because Philip Larkin has been shown up as a racist, fascist, middle-class "intellectual".

success of the chain bookshops that have sprung up around the high streets over the past decade, and are largely responsible for the growth of sales of books. These stay open long after office hours, and try to give readers of all levels what they want. They display books of all sorts attractively in different sections, and can direct customers towards what they suppose they are looking for. Another of the oddities found by *Cultural Trends* is the disparity between the books most borrowed from libraries, which are of lower quality even than the books that get to the top of the best-seller lists.

Reading is an elitist activity that is freely available to almost everyone. In spite of the decline, ten books a year are borrowed from public libraries for every member of the population. It is a virtuous elitism to believe in different quality in books, and to say the fashionably unsayable that some books are better than others. To believe that they are all equal and that all that matters is customer throughput is dotty relativism. A library should be a ladder up which its readers can climb, not a playground of continual Mills & Boon and videos. Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist who spread libraries, knew better when he said: "Libraries are entitled to a first place as instruments for the elevation of the masses of the people." Empowerment of the masses may sound quaint, but it is no mean ideal. The public

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Archbishop on the roots of crime

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, I am constantly amazed by the ability of the media to make bricks without straw. Your main headline today, claiming that Church and state are at loggerheads over the causes of crime, and citing me as attacking the government, is a good example of the way in which sensational meanings are imposed by journalists on the most insubstantial foundations.

My long conversation with Sir David Frost, on BBC1 yesterday, ranged over such topics as original sin, moral uncertainty and bewilderment, the effects of social change since the 1960s, the dangers of boredom and rootlessness among young people who do not feel they have a stake in society, and the likelihood that high unemployment will be a long-term problem. Any or all of these factors, plus many others, may contribute to the causes of crime, which has been increasing in a variety of political climates since the 1960s.

The fact is that we do not know why some people turn to crime, and others in similar circumstances do not. We can be confident, however, that the causes are multiple and include a mixture of personal choice and social conditioning. This is why it is so unprofitable to bandy different insights against one another, and so irresponsible to sensationalise such differences as part of some political football match.

What is needed, surely, is a reflective sharing of insights. This must include such sensitive topics as the way in which broad political policies may shape a society's self-understanding. Religious commentators have both a right and a duty to make their contribution to such reflection, because at this level of generality policies cannot be separated from commitments to beliefs and values.

Unless the media can help us to communicate about such matters without constantly presenting what we say in confrontational terms, we are doomed to remain locked in endless future squabbles.

Faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe Palace, York.
March 1.

Winners and losers under leasehold reform proposals

From Mr Richard Grosse

Sir, How ironic that the Duke of Westminster should see fit to resign his membership of the Conservative party (report, February 25) over the passage of the Housing and Urban Development Bill, which, barring accident, now seems destined to pass into the statute book.

The irony is that whilst the duke complains that his vast wealth will be eroded due to this alleged socialist-inspired Conservative legislation, the Conservative government appears to have conspired throughout with the wealthy London estate owners to ensure that large parts of their estates, and particularly the estate of the Duke of Westminster, will remain significantly untouched by the new legislation.

The government's dogmatic refusal to amend or abolish the "low rent test" (where the ground rent is above two-thirds of the rateable value at an appropriate time) will mean that many leaseholders, especially in London, who might otherwise expect to be able to enfranchise their properties will be precluded from doing so.

What is equally galling is that the newspapers appear to have missed the point. They proclaim universal leasehold enfranchisement of long leases at genuinely low rents, when that is far from the case. The apparent co-operation between the government and the landed gentry in the protection of the latter's interests seems as yet to be undetected.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD GROSSE
Richard Grosse and Co (solicitors),
16 Berkeley Street, W1.
February 25.

From Lord Hamilton of Dalzell

Sir, In his article, "Mary's field of dreams" (February 27), Simon Jenkins hits the nail on the head when he says that "like most intrusive laws, including compulsory purchase, the outcome is usually worse than if the market had been left well alone".

An argument has raged around whether landowners should be paid the full value of that part of their businesses which will be taken away from them, or whether the leaseholders are entitled to a share. Whichever way the argument goes the Duke of Westminster, for one, will end up being paid a large but unknown part of his £3 billion stake by enfranchising leaseholders. This money is unlikely to return to the residential market and existing long leaseholders and freeholders are likely to lose money as a result.

Large numbers of people are likely to enfranchise in order to take advantage of the profits offered to them by their share in the "marriage value" — the value released by adding together the leaseholder's and the freeholder's interest. Others will extend their leases. Either way it will no longer be possible to buy property in London except as a freehold or on a long lease. This is the purpose of the bill.

This will increase the supply of houses at the higher end of the property market and it will need a sum of money equivalent to the duke's *investment* to come into London to maintain prices at their relative current value.

The laws of supply and demand would seem to indicate a relative decline in the market which could be an actual decline if the market is not rising.

Yours faithfully,
HAMILTON of DALZELL,
Betchworth House,
Betchworth, Surrey.
February 27.

From Mr James Rothman

Sir, Simon Jenkins writes on leasehold reform as if it involves a new principle which will confiscate property from landlords. This is not the case. All the bill does is to remove an anomaly under which some leaseholders have the right to buy their freeholds and others do not.

The basic principle for the legislation is that monopolies, whether local or national, should not be preserved unless they are strictly controlled and are demonstrably in the public interest. Landlords have exploited their monopoly position to extract terms from leaseholders that they would never have accepted if there had been alternative properties in the same neighbourhood. Over the last quarter of a century, neighbourhoods where leaseholders could purchase their freeholds have improved immensely.

The complexities in the legislation, like the amazing low-rent clause that, regardless of its size, landlords should not have to sell a freehold if they had the forethought to set a ground rent of £1,050 per annum, have been introduced in the face of reasoned argument to preserve privileges that should have been abolished.

The bill gives no right of enfranchisement to rented property. It will therefore encourage landlords to offer properties for rent.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES ROTHMAN,
25 Norfolk Road, NW8.
February 27.

From Mr Harvey R. Cole

Sir, There is a way of recognising the strongest point in the opposition of the Duke of Westminster (and others) to the principle of leasehold enfranchisement.

An amendment to the bill could be introduced, providing that, where a property formed part of an estate designated as of special conservation value, a condition of acquiring the freehold should be to participate in a scheme for its general upkeep and management. Such a scheme could be devised by the landlord and approved by a public body such as English Heritage or the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Yours etc,
HARVEY R. COLE,
9 Clifton Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.
February 27.

From Mr J. G. G. Wrathall

Sir, I hold no strong views on leaseholds. I am equally indifferent to the plight of the super-rich. But what I believe in passionately is the sanctity of contract.

If at the stroke of a pen the government can undo agreements freely entered into by individuals, where will it all end?

Yours faithfully,
J. G. G. WRATHALL,
East Haddon Lodge, Northampton.
February 26.

Future of Bart's

From the Mayor of the London Borough of Hackney and others

Sir, The Secretary of State has announced her decision on the hospitals of the City and Hackney at present within the Barts NHS Trust. She will dissolve the shadow trust and separate the management of the hospitals in Hackney from Bart's at Smithfield.

This is in spite of the fact that all the work of the last 20 years has been to amalgamate the services for City and Hackney into complementary halves of a united hospital service.

The people of Hackney will not forget that seven local hospitals have been closed or re-assigned to permit this rationalisation, which, at a stroke is now to be undone on the advice of the North East Thames Regional Health Authority.

This move will leave Hackney with but half a local hospital service and 250 patients still in the Dickensian ambience of the old Hackney Hospital, described as the worst mental hospital in the country.

The RHA undertook the briefest statutory consultation process permitted (some would doubt even this). However, over 90 per cent of the responses to the consultation document opposed the dissolution of the shadow trust and the intended separation of services.

What level of response to a consultation would amount to a denial of mandate? The RHA did not even take a vote before proffering advice, so presumably did not consider 90 per cent significant.

What price democracy and improving patient choices now?

Yours etc,
H. SHAW, Mayor,
London Borough of Hackney,
NAOMI PFEFFER,
Chair, City and Hackney Community Health Council,
C. N. HUDSON,
Chairman, Consultants Committee,
St Bartholomew's Hospital (Homerton),
Town Hall, Mare Street, E8.
February 26.

Making Britain great

From Mr Kenneth P. Armitage

Sir, Mr Alan Clark, in his "Opinions" lecture ("Bold surgery needed to cure our once-great nation", February 22), suggests that for most of Margaret Thatcher's years in office "we were in balance, or in surplus, on external trade" but that "she believed, allowed herself to be persuaded, that the manufacturing base is unimportant to a nation's wealth".

I disagree with his first point. The overall UK trade balance of current account and visible trade was in deficit from 1985 to 1990 and the current account was in profit only until 1985.

However, Mr Clark later suggests "the period of our greatest strength was when our manufacturing industries were dominant". Much of the blame for the trade deficit and the increase in unemployment can be laid on the shift from manufacturing industry to the service sectors. In addition, regular tax reductions raised the general level of expectation and encouraged consumers and companies to over-extend and over-spend. Imports were sucked in to meet consumer demand for manufactured products, thus stoking inflation.

Clearly we must re-learn the basics of sound economics. We cannot continue to spend what we do not have, otherwise successive generations will inherit an increasing national debt.

We must manufacture to meet national demands and export more than we import and to do that we must resurrect our manufacturing base and improve food production to become as self-sufficient as possible.

Yours faithfully,
K. P. ARMITAGE,
29 Stoneham Close,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
February 22.

From Mr John Campion

Sir, Alan Clark's portentous article, which hints at more than it says in considering how we might begin to turn the tide of our fortunes, notes the moral contrast between the behaviour of young British men as football hooligans and as members of The Parachute Regiment. I am surprised he does not draw the obvious conclusion and advocate the return of national service.

There is a strong tendency for those who have been through this mill — I was one of the last — to acquire an identity with the land of our birth and its accepted values that makes us resistant to overturning it in anomy of the kind we see all around us: and I wasn't even an officer.

An old-fashioned word springs to mind for it: *backbone*.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CAMPION,
Craigmyle House, Saint Felix School,
Southwold, Suffolk.
February 22.

Dangerous species?

From Mrs S. R. Spring

Sir, I am a recruitment consultant who also made the "mistake" of providing the additional information in seeking car insurance that I had become self-employed, with an office at home (letters, February 22, 27). I am informed that my premium will increase by an inexplicable 27 per cent as a result of this simple change in status.

All aspects of my work remain the same, except that I no longer make an almost daily journey to the office. Can it be, therefore, that because I now invoice for my fees rather than draw a salary, I am considered to have become a less responsible citizen?

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN R. SPRING,
11 Wood Lane, Kidmore End,
Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr John Williams

Sir, In my experience "musician" is unacceptable to insurance companies. Oddly, "professor of music" adds respectability. As I was a professor at the Royal College of Music, my insurers find me acceptable without questions asked.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
2 Child's Place, SW5.

Tory referendums

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke

Sir, Your leading article (February 25) seeks to show that the noble Tory tradition provides plenty of precedents for those who support a referendum on Maastricht. The evidence that you adduce fails to prove the case.

The interest in a referendum of the three Tory leaders whom you mention — Balfour, Baldwin and Churchill — was short-lived and was based entirely on tactical considerations. As soon as it ceased to serve any immediate party political purpose they lost interest.

In November 1910, facing an election within days, Balfour desperately needed to distance himself from the policy of tariff reform which seemed certain to annihilate his deeply divided party at the polls.

He therefore promised a referendum before implementing the policy, qualified terms. He made it conditional upon the Liberals agreeing to a referendum on Home Rule (which he knew they would continue to refuse).

Baldwin was no less disingenuous. His offer of a referendum in 1930, withdrawn after seven months, was designed entirely to diminish the challenge that he faced from Beaverbrook's Empire Free Trade movement, which threatened to split the Tory party.

Churchill's interest expired after a matter of days in May 1945, as soon as it became clear that the Labour party would not agree to a referendum to prolong the wartime coalition.

Short-term political considerations also largely determined the referendums that were held in the 1970s. The exception was the Northern Ireland border poll of 1973; but it failed dismally in its objective, which was "to mere referendum could do that).

Surely the right approach would be to seek widespread popular acceptance of clear constitutional criteria for a referendum, which, if met, would immediately precipitate the holding of one.

Without such criteria the referendum is certain to remain what it has been up until now: a plaything of party politics.

Yours faithfully,
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February 25.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

Nuclear test ban

From the Archbishop of Westminster

Sir, I would like to add my voice to those who have called for the United Kingdom to join the United States, Russia and France in declaring a moratorium on nuclear testing (letter, February 19).

Whatever stance individuals may take over the morality of the nuclear deterrent, there must be general agreement on the aim of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear states. Indeed, following the end of the Cold War the main risk of nuclear catastrophe lies here. It is also clear that the renewal and extension of the non-proliferation treaty, hopefully leading in due course to a comprehensive test-ban treaty, depends crucially on the actions of the existing nuclear weapons states.

If the United States, Russia and France can accept a moratorium on nuclear testing, why cannot this country? A moratorium now would not only honour our commitment under the 1968 non-proliferation treaty but would improve the chance of other states signing it.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL HUME,
Archbishop's House,
Westminster, SW1.
February 26.

Tilting at windmills

From Mr Hugh Norwood

Sir, Department of Environment circular 1/85 (WO 1/85) advised local authorities on conditions which should be imposed when planning permission is given for the erection of windmills.

This has now been supplemented by DoE planning policy guidance note no 22, which states that "for reasons relating to human perception, all wind turbines on a particular site should rotate in the same direction".

However, we remain in ignorance on whether the government prefers windmills to rotate in a clockwise or an anti-clockwise direction. Doubtless a further circular will be issued.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH NORWOOD
(Chartered Town Planner),
6 Church Row, St Mary's Square,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
February 26.

Into the siding?

From Mr P. A. Hearne, FEng

Sir, Isn't it about time that the international road warning sign for a level crossing was changed from the present antique steam locomotive symbol, a very rare vehicle with which many younger road-users can hardly be familiar?

Have any of your readers some suitable suggestions for a replacement?

Yours faithfully,
P. A. HEARNE,
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Wateringbury,
Maidstone, Kent.
February 22

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 1: The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening gave the President's Lecture, at the Society's House, John Adam Street, London WC2.
Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.
By command of The Queen the Viscount St Davids (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the State of Israel and Mrs Herzog and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Herzog on behalf of Her Majesty.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Cyril Pickard (formerly High Commissioner in Lagos) which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1, this afternoon.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 1: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, today gave a Luncheon for the Committee Chairman at Buckingham Palace.
His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception to launch the Lord's Taverners' Cricket Tour to Kenya at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited, London W1.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 1: The Princess Royal today visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).
Her Royal Highness this morning inaugurated the Seagull Trust's new Reception Centre and Dry-Dock on the Union Canal, Ratho.
The Princess Royal later opened the Scottish Brain Injuries Rehabilitation Services, Astley Ainslie Hospital.
Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, afterwards presented the Prison Service Annual Awards, Palace of Holyroodhouse.
Finally The Princess Royal opened the new extension to Parliament House.
Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 1: The Prince of Wales today visited Dyfed and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed (Mr David Mansel Lewis).
His Royal Highness this morning attended a Service to celebrate St David's Day at St David's Cathedral.
The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited St David's Assemblies, New Street, St David's.
His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, later met Prince's Trust volunteers, Pembrokeshire College, Haverfordwest.
Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 1: The Princess of Wales departed from Gatwick Airport, London, this morning for an official visit to Nepal.
The following were present and took leave of Her Royal Highness: His Excellency Mr Surya Prasad Shrestha (Ambassador of the Kingdom of Nepal) and Mrs Shrestha, Major General Sir Philip Ward (Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex), Sir Donald Logan (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr Eammon Mullaney (Managing Director, British Airways Gatwick).
The Lady Sarah McCorquodale, Captain Edward Musto RM, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Surgeon Commander Robin Clark RN were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir John Ackroyd, former honorary secretary, Royal College of Music, 61; Miss Pat Arrowsmith, pacifist, 63; Miss Margaret Barbieri, ballerina, 46; Mr Harry Blech, violinist and conductor, 84; Lady Moyra Browne, former superintendent-in-chief, St John Ambulance Brigade, 75; Lord Cottesloe, 93; Sir Leonard Crossland, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 79; Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Darlington, 83; Lord Elton, 63; Mr John Gardner, composer, 76; Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, former President of the Soviet Union, 62; Captain Sir Donald Gosling, RNR, joint chairman, National Car Parks, 64; Mr R.E. Groves, former chairman, Mayer International, 73; Lord Howie of Troon, 69; Cardinal Basil Hume, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, 70; Dame Naomi James, author and yachtswoman, 44; Mr Robert Lloyd, opera singer, 53; Mr Peter Longman, director, Museums and Galleries Commission, 47; Sir John Manduell, composer, 65; Dame Pattie Menzies, 94; Mr Hugh Monro, headmaster, Clifton College, 43; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson, 64; Mr Robert Simpson, composer, 72; Mr John Tusa, former managing director, BBC World Service, 57; Mr J.P.R. Williams, former rugby player and orthopaedic surgeon, 44; Mr Ian Woosnam, golfer, 35.

School news

The King's School, Canterbury
The following have been elected Governors of the School: Mr Colin Brown, Senior Partner, Cluttons, Canterbury; Miss Priscilla Chadwick, Dean of Educational Development, South Bank University.
The following scholarships have been awarded:
Music: Rebecca Arnold, King's College School, Cambridge; Ophelia Beer, King's College School, Cambridge; Iona Coltart, Junior King's School; Anne-Christine Farstad, Trevor Roberts'; Emma Lewis, Junior King's School; William Tallon, Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells; Robert van Allan, The Hall, Hampstead.
Sixth Form:
King's Scholar: Annabel Blair, South Hampstead High School.
Music: Emily Elias, The Perse School, Cambridge.
Calvin & Rose Hoffman Scholarships (for English): Sarah Mullen, Dulwich College Cranbrook and King's School; Georgina Salmon, Wellesley House, Broadstairs and King's School.

The Red Maids' School, Bristol
The Governors are pleased to announce the following awards for September 1993:
Entrance Scholarship: Sophie Stainer, Redland High School.
Entrance Bursary: Carly Mattravers, Silverhill.
Music Scholarship: Sophie Stainer, Redland High School; Tessa Brooks, The Downs School, Wraxhall.
Sixth Form Whitson Bursaries: Susannah Jackson, Emma Porch and Faye Westrop.

BRYN COLTON



Disconsolate: marine archaeologist Theole Douglas-Sherwood and the hull of the last surviving Norfolk keel

Keel hauled to a dry death on land

THE decaying hull of a Norfolk keel, the last surviving example of a sailing craft which dominated maritime trade on the east coast for centuries, languishes on the bank of the river Wensum at Norwich (John Young writes).

Efforts to find the boat a permanent home, since its rescue from a mudbank on the Yare in 1986, have proved fruitless. It rests on a cradle surrounded by rubbish and open to the elements, and has been vandalised.

The wreck was discovered in 1984 by Major James Forsyth, of the World Ship Trust. Only a broken pieceof the bow was showing, but Theole Douglas-Sherwood, a marine archaeologist, dived down and found that the rest of the hull was largely intact. Thanks to Navy and RAF volunteer divers, the vessel was successfully raised for only about £2,000. Norwich city council provided its present site, but plans to restore it with help from the Manpower Services Commission came to nothing.

The keel plied the rivers and creeks of Norfolk long after it had been supplanted elsewhere by more advanced designs. A register dated 1795 lists 36 keels on the Yare alone. With its shallow draught, stumpy mast and square sail, it gave way to the better known wherry only a few years before both were overtaken by the railways.

Mrs Douglas-Sherwood, a St Andrews university graduate who has written a thesis on the Norfolk keel, says that the surviving hull, about 55ft long and originally weighing some 30 tonnes, is an important example of boatbuilding skills which scarcely changed between medieval times and the 18th century. She has received "encouragement" from the National Maritime Museum, the Merseyside Maritime Museum, the Museum of London and Norfolk Museum Services, and recently John Robinson, curator of shipping at the Science Museum, included it in a local inspection tour. But the keel is not eligible for grants because it was not found on land and is classified as a wreck.

Mark Wakelin, assistant navigation officer of the Broads Authority, said that it had made grants to seven wherries which were still seaworthy or were being restored, but its funds were extremely limited and there was no hope of the keel being restored to seaworthy condition.

In the meantime the keel is suffering from dry rot as a result of exposure to heat, cold and rain. "I suppose we should feel lucky that there is still so much left," Mrs Douglas-Sherwood said. "But in Germany, Holland and France people are really proud of their maritime heritage. In Britain, which had the biggest maritime empire of all, they completely ignore it."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.A. Bailey and Miss A.C. Ueland
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr Adrian Bailey, and Lady Mary Russell, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Ueland, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr J.A. Claughton and Miss A.M.B. Dyer
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Claughton, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Alexandra, daughter of Major Ian Dyer, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Dee Dyer.

Mr E.R. Moodie and Miss P.R.M. Fitzgerald
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Commander and Mrs Robin Moodie, of Hill House, Penton Mewsey, Andover, Hampshire, and Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Fitzgerald, of Rose Lodge, Blackrock, Cork, Ireland.

Mr A.J. Moore and Miss S.J. Potter
The engagement is announced between Alistair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Moore, of Tuffley, Gloucestershire, and Sarah Jane, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs D.R. Potter, of London.

Mr J.W. Stuart and Miss E.D. Mycroft
The engagement is announced between James William, son of Sir Keith and Lady Stuart, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Emma Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.R. Mycroft, of Wallington, Surrey.

Mr R.E. Telfer and Miss R.J. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Richard Telfer, MC, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Telfer, of Frensham, Surrey, and Rachel, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Harrison, of Doddington Park, Cheshire.

Memorial service

Sir Cyril Pickard
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Viscount Goschen at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Cyril Pickard held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter. Mrs Mary Baker, President of the European Parkinson's Disease Association, read the lesson and Mr Martin Moynihan read from *Ulysses* by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Mr Kenneth East gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir David Muirhead. The Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service attended. The High Commissioner for Nigeria was represented by Mr Bernard Shabu and the Acting High Commissioner for Pakistan by Mrs Riffat Masood. Among others present were:

Lady Pickard (widow), Mr Giles Pickard (son), Mr and Mrs Timothy Pickard and Mr and Mrs Stephen Pickard (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs James Roundell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Michael Pickard, Helen Pickard, Julian Pickard, Noelia Pickard, Thomas Roundell and Rebecca Roundell (grandchildren), Mrs George Pickard and Mrs Arthur Pickard (sisters-in-law), Dr John Cozens-Hardy (brother-in-law), Mr Peter Rosser (stepson), Mr and Mrs Charles Davison (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter) Mr Augusto Iandl (stepson-in-law), Leo Rosser and Tom Rosser (step grandsons), Mrs John Holland, Mr William Cozens-Hardy, Mr and Mrs Michael Brown, Mrs Guy Duberley, Mrs Maurice Woodbridge, Miss Jemima Woodbridge, Lady Hirst.

Lord Rees, QC, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Stanley Fingland, Sir Douglas Henley, Sir Oliver Forster (chairman, Pakistan Society and Commonwealth Trust) with Mr John Stafford and Mrs Stafford (secretary, Pakistan Society), Major-General Sir David Thorne (director-general, Commonwealth Trust), with Mrs P Scarlett; Lady Galsworthy, Sir John Cotton, Sir Algernon Rumbold, Sir Martin and Lady Ewans, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams.

Mr William Peters (chairman, Tibet Society), Mr T C Wilkinson (British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia) and Mrs Wilkinson, Dr Colin Niven (headmaster, Alleyn's School), Mr Peter Reeve (Edward Alleyn Club), Mr Derek Coles (Parkinson's Disease Society) with Mr Michael Whelan, Mr and Mrs Chris Smedley, Mr Leslie Essex, Dr Marie Oxtoby and Miss Margery Taylor; Mr Tsewang Potgyal (Office of Tibet in London), Mr Stephen Kemp (Royal Commonwealth Society).

Mr G S Whitehead, Mrs Edward Carpenter, Mr Ronald Belcher, Mr R G Britten, Mr Derek Ingram, Mr Edward Lidderdale, Mr Anthony Golds, Mr and Mrs John K Hickman, Mr Stanley Martin, Mrs Martin Moynihan, Mr Terence Weller, Mr Charles Swingland, Mr and Mrs D Malcolm, Mrs Elmed Hobbiger, Mr Donald du Parc Braham, Mr Martin Williams, Mr Alfred Hall, Mr and Mrs John Hickman, Mr and Mrs Charles Roundell, Mrs Cyril Costley-White and Mr and Mrs Harry Twist.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.
The Princess Royal, as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a workshop at Cave Castle Golf Hotel, South Cave, Humberside, at 10.00; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 61-63 Silver Street, Doncaster, at 11.30; will visit Dearne Valley Business School at High Melton at 12.20; as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the new bureau premises at The Park Road Centre, Park Road, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, at 1.55; and will visit Thurnscoe Workshops, Hickleton Colliery Site, Doncaster, at 2.45.
The Duke of Gloucester will attend a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs at the Old Bailey at 12.40.
Princess Alexandra will visit Linden Lodge School, Princes Way, SW19, at 2.30.

Appointment

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar in succession to Admiral Sir Derek Reffell.

Dinners

Bentham Club
Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, delivered the presidential address at the annual dinner of the Bentham Club held last night at University College London. Among those present were:
Senior Queens Bench Master K Topley (Queen's Remembrancer), Master and Mrs G Hodgson, Master G H Rose, Master P Eyre, Master N Murray, Master J Trench, Professor J L Jowell, Professor Julian Farrand and Professor B A Hepple.
The auto-icon of Jeremy Bentham was present.

St David's Day London Welsh Celebration
Lord Mackay of Clashfern, accompanied by Lady Mackay, was the guest of honour at a St David's Day London Welsh Celebration dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr J. Simon Davies, president, was in the chair. Mr Gareth Daniel, Lord Hooson, QC, and the Archdruid-elect, the Rev John G. Jones, also spoke. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mrs Nemeth attended. Among others present were:
Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Griffiths of Fforestfach, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Lord and Lady Geraint, Lady Hooson, Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, and Mrs Howard, Lady McLintock, Sir Philip and Lady Jones, Sir Alan and Lady Thomas, Sir Ronald and Lady Mason, Sir Maldwyn and Lady Thomas, Lady Wien and Mrs Simon Davies.

Lord Jenkin of Roding
Baroness Flather was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Lords by invitation of Lord Jenkin of Roding, president, who was in the chair. Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, chairman, also spoke.

The Athenaeum
Sir David Crouch was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Palumbo was the chairman.

Cardiff Business Club
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards, the Right Hon Lord Callaghan, and the President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at The Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was the Right Hon Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos. Sir John Meurig Thomas, Deputy Pro-Chancellor, University of Wales, presided.

Service dinner

British American Forces Dining Club
Major-General Chuck Link, USAF, and Rear-Admiral Jonathan Tod were the joint chairmen at a dinner of the British American Forces Dining Club held last night at Lincoln's Inn to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the inaugural dinner on March 1, 1943. Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the principal guest. Among others present were:
The American Ambassador, Admiral William Smith (US Military Representative to Nato), General Charles Boyd, USA, Vice-Admiral Ed Clexton, Jr, USN, Sir Peter Inge, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Mr Ian Beezley and Mr Jeremy Packenham.

Lord Craigmyle

Thomas Donald Mackay Shaw, third Baron Craigmyle has been appointed a Knight Commander with Star of the Order of Pius IX by the Holy Father. He will be invested with the insignia of the Order by Cardinal Basil Hume this month.

Lecture

The Bristol Society
The Lord-Lieutenant of Avon, Sir John Wills, Bt, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, the Bishop of Bristol, the Agent to the Bank of England in Bristol were present at a Lecture given for the Society at the Council House last night. The speaker was the Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England. Mr St John Hartnell, the Chairman of the Society, presided. The Bank of England hosted a Supper afterwards.

Luncheons

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Christopher Jonas, President of the RICS, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 12 Great George Street. Mr John Gummer, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Garth Waters, Under Secretary, Land Use, Conservation and the Rural Economy, were guests.

Farmers' Company
Mr Adrian J. Tritton, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a livery luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert II, King of Scotland 1371-90, Paisley, 1316; Sir Thomas Bodley, *founder of the Bodleian Library* in Oxford, Exeter, 1545; Bedrich Smetana, composer, Litomyel, Czechoslovakia, 1824; Ivar Kreuger, financier, the "Match King", Kalmar, Sweden, 1880; Kurt Weill, composer, Dessau, Germany, 1900; Karen Carpenter, singer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1950.
DEATHS: Girolamo Frescobaldi, organist and composer, Rome, 1644; John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, London, 1791; Horace Walpole, novelist and historian, Twickenham, 1797; D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Vence, France, 1930; Howard Carter, archaeologist, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamun (1922), London, 1939.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Leonard J. Lickorish, Vice-Charman of the European Travel Commission, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

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Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn again to the Lord; let all the families of the nations bow before him.
Psalm 22:27

BIRTHS

ABBOTT - On February 26th, to Karen (née Kendall) and Christopher, a son, Thomas William Grant.

COMYN - On February 27th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Jacqueline and Charles, a daughter, Sophie Isabelle Ann, a sister for Henry.

FRANKE - On 25th February 1993 to Melanie (née Grandage) and John, a daughter, a sister for Sarah and Emily.

HALL - On 24th February, at St Mary's Hospital, London, to Melanie (née Payne) and Martin, a son, Edward D'Arcy.

HOPKINSON - On February 26th, to Caroline (née Bennett) and Christopher, a daughter, Camilla Anne, a sister for Alexandra.

MARKWELL - On February 21st, to Jane (née Landy) and Adam, a son, Thomas Henry Drury, a brother for Harriet.

MEAGHER - Samantha (née Jackson) and David are delighted to announce the birth of Jacob Joseph, in Auckland, New Zealand, on 23rd February.

ROTHMAN - On February 3rd 1993, to Lucy (née Middlemas) and James, a daughter, Georgia.

SANGSTER - On February 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona and Guy, a son, Mylo, a brother for Ned.

SCOTT - On 27th February, to Cathy (née Faulkner) and Andrew, a son, Rory David Templer, a brother for Alice.

TAYLOR - On 22nd of February, to Jacqueline and Leslie, a son Alexander Jon.

WENMAN - On February 27th at the Wellington Hospital, to Susie and Jimmy, a beautiful daughter, Georgina, a sister for James.

DEATHS

ADLER - On 26th February 1993, Bettina Adler (née Gross), sculptor, wife of the late H.G. Adler, peacefully at home with her son Jeremy, his wife Eva, her sister Maria and dear friends. Sadly missed by her brother Joseph and family. Funeral at Edgewarebury Cemetery, Edgeware, 2nd March at 11.30 am. Donations if wished to either Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15 Britten St, SW3, or Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Sq, SW1.

AVER - Kara, of Finchley Road, Hampstead, NW3. Our beautiful daughter has gone to her rest in God. May the Angels guide her. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 am on Thursday March 4th at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Maresfield Gardens, off Fitzjohns Avenue, followed by cremation at Golders Green (West Chapel), Hoop Lane, NW11.

BREWIN - On Saturday 27th February, Arthur Herbert, aged 80, husband of Winifred Hazel (Jane) Brewin. At his request no funeral or memorial service. Gathering of family and friends at 33 Ashcroft Gardens, Cirencester, at 12 noon on Sunday 14th March. RSVP to Jane if you are coming. Turn down an empty glass. Glory to God.

BRUCE - On Sunday 28th February 1993 suddenly at home (Mary) Hope, widow of Lt.Col. James Bruce, MC The Royal Scots, adored mother of Sandy and Elizabeth, loved mother-in-law of Christopher Roads, and precious Gabby of Timothy and William. Beloved elder daughter of the late Donald and Maisie Sinclair. Funeral St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, Friday 5th March at 12 noon followed by private burial.

COULTHARD - On February 28th peacefully at home, William Henderson Coulthard C.B.E. (Bill), beloved husband of Frances and dearly loved father of Janet and grandfather of Matthew and Thomas. Funeral Service at St Francis Church, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, on Monday March 8th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers by 12.30 pm Monday and any enquiries to A & E Longhurst, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, tel: (081) 393-1077.

COWLEY - On Friday February 26th peacefully in Winchester, Canon Colin Patrick Cowley aged 90, husband of the late Dorothea, much loved father of Jennifer, Anne and Gill and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving at St Matthew's Church, Winchester, on Friday March 5th at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Winchester Cathedral.

DOYLE - Suddenly in Auckland, N.Z., Austin Eric Doyle, O.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.A.C.P., aged 69 years. Beloved husband of Jill and father of Simon, Michael, Patrick and Susan. Emeritus Professor of Medicine of the Austin Hospital, Melbourne, Australia.

EGERTON-JONES - Norma, on February 27th, peacefully at home. Dearly loved mother of David, Susan, Margaret and Patrick, Diana and Bob; grandmother of Hanora, Guy, Ginny, Tim and Jane; and great-grandmother of Joshua and Daniel. Private burial. Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas Church, Groombridge, on Friday March 5th, 3.30 pm. Flowers to R. Medhurst, Vine House, Hartfield, TN7 4AD, or donations to St Thomas School, c/o The Vicarage, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9SP.

ELLIOTT - On 25th February 1993, Deborah Emma aged 93 years of Horsham. Dearly loved aunt of John and Edward. The funeral service takes place at St Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, on Monday 22nd March at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired for The Children's Society may be sent c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham.

ENGHOLM - On 25th February, peacefully and suddenly after a short illness, Nancy, beloved wife of the late Basil and dearly loved mother of Cherry and grandmother of Caroline and Elizabeth. Cremation at Charing Crematorium, today Tuesday 2nd March at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

GEDGE - Reverend P.M.S. Gedge M.A., beloved husband of Peggy and father of Corinna, on February 27th aged 82 years. Service on Friday March 5th at 12.30 pm at St Matthew's Church, Hutton Buscel, Scarborough. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the Missions to Seaman.

GRANT - On February 27th, peacefully at Aylsham, Norfolk, aged 97, Alfred Douglas Stamford R.N. Formerly of Itchenor, Sussex. Much loved husband of the late Faith, father and grandfather. Private cremation. Donations if desired to R.N.B.S.

GRAY - Richard K. on 24th February at home after a long illness, husband of Margaret, widower of Peggy Burghes, father of Leila (Buenos Aires), Rosemary and Richard. Funeral 12.30 Thursday, Lindsell Church. Please no flowers, donations if wished to Crossroads, c/o Francis, Thaxted, Essex.

GRIFFITH - On Thursday February 26th 1993, at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, after a short illness, Marjorie, widow of Guy, mother of Teresa, Tom, Mark and Hugh. Funeral Service at the Cambridge City Crematorium on Thursday March 4th at 12.45 pm. No flowers please.

LANGLOIS - On February 25th, Wing Commander Roy Brouard Langlois D.F.C., peacefully at home in Brightlingsea. Funeral Service at Weeley Crematorium on Monday March 8th at 2 pm.

LENTON - On 26th February at Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, Olive, widow of Albert Lenton of Headingly, Leeds, in her 93rd year. Mother of Ingram and Christine and a dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

LEVY - On 27th February in his 91st year, Bernard (George) Levy, for 63 years the beloved husband of the late Marie Helene, dear father of Shelagh and Angela, grandfather of Andrea, Adam and Gavin and brother of Sydney Carton, in the devoted care of the staff of Guinness Court. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 2.30 pm today.

LINDSAY - Patrick A.R., of West Orchard, Dorset peacefully on Sunday 28th February 1993 of cancer in Blandford Hospital. Formerly of Craigfoodie, Fife; Shepperton-on-Thames; and Crockerton, West Wilts. The Sudan Political Service, The Sudan Defence Force, The United Africa Company, The Port of London Authority and Tyzack & Partners. Firm friend and loving husband of the late Dagmar and devoted father of Delia, Michael, Anthea and Jonathan. Service at East Orchard on Friday 5th March at 11 am. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, to Friends of Blandford Hospital or West Dorset Macmillan Service c/o Colin Close, 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset.

LYNE - Sister Mary Maura, Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon, on 28th February 1993, aged 89. Deeply regretted by her loving Community and friends. Requiem Mass at St Edmund's Church, Abingdon, on Thursday 4th March at 10.15 am. May she rest in peace.

MACKLIN - On February 27th 1993, peacefully at BUPA Dunedin Hospital, Reading, Alec Alfred Theodore, aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Ruby and father of Michael and Anne. Cremation on 4th March 1993 at 3 pm in the South Chapel, Reading Crematorium. No flowers, but donations if desired in his memory to: The Royal Artillery Association, Artillery House, The Old Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, London SE18 4DN.

McKENZIE - On 28th February 1993, at Gully Bridge Nursing Home, Shandon, Winifred Edith Thackeray (née Elderton). Dearly beloved wife of the late Commander K.A. McKenzie R.N. (Retd), of Rock Iberis, Helensburgh. Dearest mother of Buster and Fiona and loving and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, William Street, on Wednesday 3rd March at 2pm. Funeral thereafter private to Faslane Cemetery. Family flowers only.

NELSON - Alastair Morrison, on February 26th 1993, suddenly at home, beloved husband of Barbara, darling father of Rosemary and Susan and loving grandfather of Charles. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday March 8th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Worldwide Fund for Nature.

PEARLMAN - Sidney aged 85, on 27th February 1993. Beloved husband of Marjorie and a dearly loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Cremation 2nd March at 12.15 pm, Hoop Lane Crematorium, NW11. No flowers please. Prayers at 8 pm.

PERYER - On February 26th, peacefully in hospital, George Peryer, aged 80, Formerly Director of Jos. Well, and Managing Director of Mo and Domsjo UK Ltd. Greatly loved and sadly missed by his wife Ruth, daughters Georgina and Judith, sons-in-law and five grandchildren. Funeral 2 pm Christ Church, Herne Bay, Thursday March 4th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Mrs Margaret Horwood, 27 Abbey Gardens, Canterbury CT2 7EU.

PINFIELD - Kitty, beloved wife of Peter and mother of Christopher, Nicholas and Claire, died peacefully in Guildford on Saturday 27th February.

POWELL - On 26th February 1993, in London, Roy William, suddenly, dear brother of Doris, Marjorie and Joan, aged 69 years. Funeral Service at West Norwood Crematorium, Norwood Road, SE27, on 8th March at 10 am. Flowers to Ashton Funeral Services, 18 Southside, Clapham Common, SW4.

SEAGROVE - On February 25th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Pauline Marjorie. Dearly loved wife of Derek and much loved and loving mother of David and Jennifer. Will be much missed by everyone who knew her. Her courage and cheerfulness were an inspiration. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium. Any enquiries call H.C. Patrick, tel: (0262) 714884.

SMITH - On Friday 26th February 1993, very peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Ralph, aged 92. Beloved father of Jamie and Jessamy, father-in-law of Genevieve and of Mike Reynolds, dearest Gracky to Chloe, Jessamy, Christiana and Henry; Toby, Barney and Tamsin. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Gestingthorpe, on Saturday March 13th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations made payable to Homelife D.G.A.A. may be sent to Singleton and Hastings Funeral Service, 21 Berners Street, Ipswich IP1 3LW. (0473) 282544.

STRUTT - Honourable Desmond Rupert, peacefully in The Borders General Hospital, Melrose, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Lucy and father of Jeremy, Christopher, Dominick and James. Funeral 2.30 pm Tuesday 9th March 1993 at All Saints Church, Feering, nr. Colchester. Flowers to Shepherds, Colchester 872305.

TAYLOR - On February 26th, peacefully, Rowland Wilfred Taylor, Priest, aged 83. Requiem Mass at 11.00am on Friday March 5th at The College of St Barnabas, Lingfield. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be sent to the Warden, College of St Barnabas, Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NJ. Tel: 0342 870260.

THOMPSON - Oliver Frederic O.B.E. aged 88, on 28th February 1993, peacefully at home in Aldeburgh. Dearly loved by Phil (née Bryant), Alison, Jan, Graham, Francie, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Service of Thanksgiving at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Tuesday March 9th at 12 noon. Garden flowers. Donations, if desired, either direct to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA or at the Church.

TOBE - Martin, Professor Emeritus, on 1st March 1993 quietly at home, much loved husband of Rosalie, father of Andrea and Michelle. Funeral on 3rd March 11 am at Western Cemetery, Bullsmoor Ride, Cheshunt. No flowers.

WARDLAW - On Monday 1st March at her daughter's home in Lowick, Northumberland, peacefully after a long illness, Joan Margaret, wife of the late Thomas Henry Campbell Wardlaw, solicitor Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Loving mother of Susan and Fiona and a much loved "Wussy" to her five grandchildren. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Lowick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Thursday 4th March at 1 pm followed by burial at Kyloe Churchyard. Family flowers only at her own request.

WAROUJIAN - Movses L., on 23rd February 1993 at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. The funeral service will be held at 10.30 am, Wednesday, at St Peter's Armenian Church, Cranley Gardens, London SW7 3BB. Interment at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue, London W3. Donations in lieu of flowers for the orphans of Armenia charity may be sent to or handed at the church. Cheques made payable to 'St Peters Armenian Church, Re. M. Waroujian'.

WILSON - On February 28th, peacefully at Shaw House, Melksham, in her 97th year, Jane Lambert, wife of the late William Howard Wilson and much loved mother of Betty, Joan and Douglas. Private family cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church, Shaw, near Melksham, at 3.30 pm on Friday March 5th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BELLEW - The Memorial Service for the Hon. Sir George Bellew KCB, KCVO, will be held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy on Thursday 25th March at 2.30 pm.

BRIGGS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Martin Briggs will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Monday 5th April at 2.30pm.

POLIAKOFF - The Memorial Service for Ina will be held on Thursday 18th March at The New London Synagogue, 33 Abbey Road, London NW8, at 6.30 pm.

RICHARDSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Charles Richardson will be held at Ashe Church on Friday March 19th at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

INSTONE - In loving memory of Sir Samuel and Lady Instone, on this their wedding anniversary and remembering with love also our sisters, Anna and Theo.

MATTHEWS - Frederick, 5th September 1919 - 2nd March 1987. Always in our hearts - never forgotten. Lydia, Lawrence, Penny.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN IDEA - On 24th February 1993, to the London College of Printing. Congratulations and good luck to all involved.

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BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

RUBY KEELER

Ruby Keeler, dancer and actress, died at her home in Los Angeles on February 28 aged 82. She was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on August 25, 1910.



Ruby Keeler with Dick Powell in *Shipmates Forever* 1935)

IT WAS her marriage to Al Jolson in 1928 that propelled Ruby Keeler to movie stardom, but her dancing talent was her own. Her name became synonymous with the extravagant Hollywood musicals of the 1930s.

Virtually without formal training, her fancy footwork had been honed and sharpened in the Prohibition speakeasies of New York City where, as a teenager, she tap-danced her way through the almost mythical world of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Michael Arlen, gangsters and Broadway producers. One of those producers, Charles Dillingham, spotted the young dancer in a smoke-filled saloon and gave her a job in the chorus of the 1927 Broadway musical *Bye Bye Bonnie*, which was soon followed by a featured role in *The Sidewalks of New York* later that year. The critics took notice. So did Florenz Ziegfeld, who signed Keeler up as chief tap dancer for *Whoopee!*, a 1928 musical starring Eddie Cantor and Ruth Etting. But Keeler never made the New York opening of that show.

In the summer, while waiting to go into rehearsal, she travelled to the West Coast where she met Al Jolson. Jolson, at the height of his popularity, had already married and divorced three times. On September 21, 1928, Ruby Keeler became Mrs Jolson No 4, and an instant celebrity. At Jolson's insistence she left the cast of *Whoopee!* after the out-of-town tryouts, and returned with him to California.

It was to be a recurring pattern. There was only room for one star in the Jolson family, and when Ruby returned to Broadway in 1929 to take up a large part in Ziegfeld's musical *Show Girl*, getting excellent notices, she was swiftly whisked back to Hollywood and her role as Mrs Jolson.

For four years she lived in relative obscurity. Then, in 1933, a screen test she had done for a Jolson film was seen by Darryl F. Zanuck. He signed her for the ingénue role in *42nd Street*, playing opposite Dick Powell, with dance numbers arranged by the legendary Busby Berkeley. The critics were ecstatic, with *The New York Herald Tribune* calling her "one of the best of all possible tap dancers". "The surprise among the players," added *The Los Angeles Times*, "is Ruby Keeler, whose hesitant clear speech and demurely fresh appearance make her a far more effective and appealing personality in her screen début than her husband, Al Jolson."

This did not go down too well at home, but Keeler and Powell were now unstoppable. In rapid succession they starred together in *Gold Diggers of 1933*, *Dames*, *Footlight Parade*, *Flirtation Walk*, *Shipmates Forever*, and *Coleen*, mostly under the direction of Busby Berkeley with spectacular visual effects. Keeler made only one film with her husband: *Go Into Your Dance*, in 1935, which was well reviewed but not wildly successful. The era of the lavish musical was coming to an end. As she herself recalled in 1950, "In my day, musicals didn't get better — they just got bigger."

Her marriage was ending, too. It was not just the conflict between their careers, but the difference in their personalities that drove Keeler and Jolson apart. She was essentially shy; he was an extrovert who loved parties and crowds. The 25-year age gap between them, and the fact that she was a Roman Catholic and he a Jew, didn't help either. They finally separated in 1939 and were divorced the following year.

There was one last film, *Sweetheart of the Campus* in 1941, and then Keeler married John Lowe, a California real estate broker, and left show business to settle down and raise a family. Little more was heard of her for 30 years, apart from a few television appearances, and then, in 1970, following the death of her husband, she was offered a leading role in a Broadway revival of the 1925 musical *No, No, Nanette*.

At first, Keeler thought it was a joke. She was, after all, 60 years old. But she took the part on hearing that Busby Berkeley had been hired as production supervisor, and got rave reviews when the show opened in January 1971. Still slim and athletic, she seemed to have no trouble holding her own with the Berkeley girls. "Ruby Keeler," wrote the critic for the *New York Post*, "can still do a tap dance or a soft shoe number that is a joy."

No, No, Nanette ran for 871 performances, with wide agreement that it was her performance that made the show work. When it finally closed, Ruby Keeler hung up her dancing shoes for the last time.

She is survived by one son and three daughters from her second marriage, and an adopted son from her first.

SIR ADETOKUNBO ADEMOLA

Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, PC, KBE, Chief Justice of Nigeria, 1958-72, died in Lagos on January 29 aged 86. He was born in the ancient walled city of Abeokuta in Egbaland, south-west Nigeria, on February 1, 1906.

FOR 14 years, during which the ethnic and regional rivalries of federal Nigeria found their reflection in coups, counter-coups and civil war, Adetokunbo Ademola played a brave and dangerous central role in attempting to maintain the rule of law in Africa's most populous state. Perhaps his most courageous, if eventually futile, act was to rule, at the height of the political power struggles, that the courts had power to review military decrees. The Gowon military government overruled that judgment — by military decree — and no subsequent judicial court has had the temerity to challenge Nigeria's military rulers.

As ethnic tensions eased between the three main regional groupings — the Hausa-Fuani in the north, the Yoruba in the west and the Ibo in the east — only to be replaced by economic ones, Ademola continued to serve his country: from 1977 until his death as chancellor of the University of Nigeria.

Held in high regard in Britain, he was knighted — like his father before him — in 1957, created a KBE in 1963 and appointed a privy counsellor by the Queen three years later, one of the first Africans to be so honoured.

As one of Nigeria's most distinguished sons, Ademola served on numerous world bodies including the International Commission of Jurists, and the International Olympic Committee. He was also, chairman of the Nigeria Cheshire Homes, president of the Red Cross and, from 1975, chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation.

Adetokunbo Ademola was the illustrious son of an illustrious father — Sir Ladapo Ademola II who, from 1920 to 1963, was the Alake (paramount ruler) of Egbaland a semi-independent area of the Yoruba region which over the years had had mixed relations with the British. In the 19th century when the Egbaland capital of Abeokuta was attacked by an army headed by a column of Dahomeyan Amazon women, 6,000-strong, the British provided the Egba army with the ammunition that enabled them successfully to defend the ancient capital from destruction. And in 1893 Egbaland, together with the rest of Yorubaland, became effectively a British protectorate, the Egba chiefs having agreed to mark the development by abandoning their practice of indulging in human sacrifice.

Born just 13 years later Ademola was educated first at his father's palace and then in Lagos at St Gregory's Grammar School and King's College. He went on to obtain his BA at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1934.

On his return to Nigeria he worked for a year as crown counsel at the attorney-general's office followed by a year as assistant secretary at the southern secretariat in Enugu, Eastern Nigeria. He was in private practice from 1936 to 1939 when he was appointed a magistrate. Ten years later he became the third Nigerian to be appointed a puisne judge. In 1955, a year before Western Nigeria became internally self-governing, Ademola was appointed chief justice for Western Nigeria, thus becoming the first Nigerian head of the judiciary and three years later — two years before independence — he became the first Nigerian chief justice of the federation of Nigeria.

The newly independent federation was a fragile affair however, beset by regional and ethnic antagonisms and rampant economic and political corruption.

In 1966 came two bloody coups. In January, after junior army officers assassinated two regional premiers and two federal ministers, the surviving federal ministers asked the army commander, Major-General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi, an Ibo, to take control of the government. Then, six months later, Aguiyi-Ironsi was killed in a counter coup and the chief of staff General Yakubu Gowon, a Christian



from the predominantly Muslim north, came to power. Ademola served as chief justice throughout the turbulent years of the civil war, between the federal forces and the secessionist Ibo forces intent on creating the independent state of Biafra, which lasted from 1967 to 1970. And when General Gowon embarked on an ambitious and radical postwar reconstruction programme involving the restructuring of the federation, Ademola was entrusted with the critical task of conducting a new national census to resolve the thorny question of balancing power between the regional groupings. Sadly, however, the task proved impossible. Amid criticism that the census was badly handled, the results were never acted upon.

Although saddened by his country's chequered post-colonial history, Ademola was an enterprising and sociable figure in Nigerian society. Perhaps his most valuable achievement was to have been one of the founders, together with Teslim Elias, his successor as chief justice, of the Nigerian law school.

Adetokunbo Ademola was marrried in 1939 to Kofoworola Moore and had three sons and two daughters.

PROFESSOR ILYA NEUSTADT

Ilya Neustadt, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Leicester, died on February 16 aged 77. He was born in Odessa, southern Russia, on November 11, 1915.

ILYA NEUSTADT'S career was shaped by the experiences of modern Europe and the political history of this century. It was the major historical events of the first half of the 20th century that led a multilingual, Central European intellectual to the then small provincial English University of Leicester and to the establishment of a unique Department of Sociology which, in turn, had a dominating influence on the development of the discipline in this country.

The youngest of five children of a prosperous grain merchant, Neustadt left Russia with his parents in the post-revolutionary turmoil of the early 1920s. The family migrated to Bessarabia and Neustadt's schooling was conducted largely in Bucharest. He flirted with taking up medicine, but was equally attracted by music and, as a promising violinist, gave serious thought to becoming a professional musician. His interest in music, and the violin in particular, remained with him throughout his life.

In the event, he turned from both music and medicine and, sensing the hostility of the Romanian political system at that time, moved to Belgium, completing his first doctorate in 1939 with a thesis in the field of diplomatic and legal history. By 1940, events in Europe made him a refugee in this country and the recipient of one of just three postgraduate bursaries provided by the London School of Economics to meet the special student refugee problem of that time. In 1945, he was awarded his PhD for a thesis on Aspects of the Social Structure of Belgium.

From 1946 to 1949 Neustadt worked as an assistant librarian at the London School of Economics. At the end of that period he was appointed to an assistant lectureship in the then University College at Leicester. At that time, the Librarian of the LSE recommended Neustadt to the appointing committee on the ground that he would be "a most agreeable member of the community and a stimulating and wholesome influence on his students". Neustadt fulfilled that promise and more. He remained at Leicester until his retirement in 1981, becoming senior lecturer in 1954, head of the new Department of Sociology in 1959 and Professor of Sociology in 1962.

His major achievement was to make the Leicester sociology department the cradle of British sociology. T. H. Marshall referred to "the legacy of Leicester" and noted "the remarkably high proportion of teachers of sociology in British universities whose careers in sociology began in Neustadt's department in Leicester". In essence, the achievement was two-fold: the nurturing of undergraduates and then their sponsorship into academic careers and, secondly, the caring attention devoted to young members of staff whose later development continued to please Neustadt into his final years.

At the height of his powers in the 1960s and the first part of the 1970s, Neustadt ensured that the sociology department at Leicester provided an exciting and cosmopolitan environment to all those staff, students, and visitors who were associated with it. He fought tenaciously for its interests and relished the inevitable struggles. He was well aware that the novelty of sociology gave rise to suspicion among more conservative colleagues elsewhere in the university.

In personal terms, however, he derived immense satisfaction and enjoyment from the potential that existed for creative tension between his own cosmopolitan, indeed occasionally eccentric, style and the growth and development within the university of the new discipline he professed.

Debate and disagreement there certainly were — but always within a generous collegiate context, always with a regard to the legitimate professional concerns of others, including opponents. As Sir Charles Wilson, the first vice-chancellor at Leicester, observed, "Ilya managed to get at least his share, and sometimes more", but tellingly, Wilson noted, the determination was coupled with "a charm in his approach to colleagues". His management of the department was shrewd, detailed and practical. In effect, the Department was the greater part of his life. Its successes were celebrated in elaborately prepared parties where only champagne, salmon and strawberries and cream were served.

It was as a teacher that Neustadt will best be remembered by students and colleagues. For him, teaching was an exploration for both teacher and taught, a helter-skelter of ideas to be pursued in a questioning and rigorous fashion.

He was always anxious to establish sound conceptual foundations and emphasised the humane qualities of his discipline. He was never overcome by the fashionable dogmas that occasionally afflicted the subject. In his questioning and probing manner, he identified the comparative method as a tool for illuminating the structure of societies and human experience within those societies.

For Neustadt, comparison was not merely a method of scientific procedure, it was an all-pervasive style of thought which was enhanced by his cosmopolitan character and his command of the major European languages.

It was his interest in the study of comparative societies that encouraged him to spend a year as a visiting professor in Ghana in 1957-8, and which led him to return to West Africa intermittently during the 1960s.

With Walter Birmingham and E. N. Omaboe, a Ghanaian demographer, Neustadt completed a major survey of the Ghanaian economy and social structure. Later, he was to visit other countries in Africa, working part of the time as a consultant to Unesco in Sierra Leone.

In preparing for his retirement in 1981, he nurtured the hope that he would have the opportunity to travel more frequently, free from the responsibilities of the department. But by the early 1980s Parkinson's disease, which had been diagnosed a decade before, was increasingly taking its hold and during the later years of his life he was virtually housebound.

Throughout those years, however, he maintained his questioning and wry interest in the careers of those he had inspired, remained ever eager for the gossip of the university and was a stimulating companion to the many colleagues who regularly visited him.

George Wainford

GEORGE Wainford, one of the last survivors of the Battle of Jutland, died on February 21 aged 95.

He was a torpedoman on HMS *Onslaught*, 12th Destroyer Flotilla, Grand Fleet, which, engaged and sank the German battleship *Pommern* in one of the most successful enterprises in the battle which occurred between May 31 and June 1, 1916. The *Onslaught* was severely damaged by enemy fire and the commanding officer and the first lieutenant were killed, together with several petty officers and ratings. Badly damaged, the *Onslaught* was brought back to Leith, commanded by a Sub-Lieutenant Kemmis.

In later years Wainford was a preventive officer in the Waterguard Service of HM Customs and Excise, and was based at Gravesend from 1940 until he retired in 1964.

He held the 1914-15 Star (in the first world war there was no special Navy medal equivalent to the Mons Star for sea service) and was active and alert until the end.

THE POWER OF ELOQUENCE

If anything could show the power of eloquence it would be that Lord DERBY was able last night to enthral the attention of the Lords, and a still more numerous body of strangers, to a long address, in the substance and sense of which it was impossible there should be any novelty. Every fact of the case, except the brief communication with HER MAJESTY, was not only known, but had been sifted again and again. Nor was there any great struggle to be described or victory celebrated. Lord DERBY and his host had quietly entered the fortress by default of the defenders, and even at their invitation. There was nobody to be overwhelmed with rebuke or borne down with ridicule. He had neither to stigmatize the measures of foes nor to announce any of his own invention. On the contrary, he was entering into "vineyards that he had not planted and "wells that he had not digged," in the shape of Bills which he was prepared substantially to adopt, either because his friends had already voted for them, or because, once introduced, it was necessary to go on with them. Lord DERBY could not hold out any hope to the partisan most jealous of political originality of either doing anything the late Government was not doing or leaving undone anything it had in hand. Under circumstances, then, which seemed to preclude all appeal to imagination or sentiment, when it might almost be said there was nothing to say, there are few people who would have had the ability or the inclination to make a brilliant speech. But, as there are men who can convert a defeat into a victory, men who seem to be independent of the occasion and the material forced upon them, so the new Premier was equal to himself, fluent, striking, agreeable, and almost original, when others would find the whole region before them dry, empty and barren. Nothing has been more handled and vulgarized than the events of this Session, and the measures in progress or in store. They are common as the light, and the East wind we have all been shivering under. Lord DERBY has made them his own. No doubt, in this critical age a fastidious dread of what is superfluous haunts many who might inform and delight us if they could overcome it. Happily, Lord DERBY has the courage to tell us in his own words what we all know, and to promise measures which have already received the approbation of the leading House of the Legislature.

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As the second operation got under way, Serbs on the ground bombarded the last government-held enclaves in eastern Bosnia and radio hams reported that Cerska was burning..... **Pages 1, 14**

Hundreds at murdered boy's service

■ Hundreds of mourners gathered in the Sacred Heart church in Kirkby, Merseyside for a requiem Mass for James Bulger, the two-year-old boy murdered after straying from his mother in a shopping mall. The service was broadcast on radio and relayed by loudspeaker outside..... **Page 1**

Forger Maxwell

Investigators from Price Waterhouse have concluded that, in 1991, Robert Maxwell forged several deals to inflate profits at his master company by £37 million..... **Pages 1, 10, 23**

Birt changes

John Birt, who worked at the BBC as a freelance, for the past two months as director-general, and avoided tax on more than half his salary by having it paid to his company, has joined the corporation's staff... **Pages 1, 18**

Polo break

The Prince of Wales is to retire from playing first-rank polo and will consequently sever all connection with his manager, Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess of York. **Pages 1, 2**

Early reading

Birmingham University researches have reported that reading to babies before their first birthday may help their later reading development..... **Page 6**

Welsh comeback

Welsh counties such as Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire are to be restored in a local government shake up in the principality. But Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire are to go..... **Page 5**

Chinese threat

China, in its clearest signal so far that it is determined to deny Hong Kong a voice in its own political development, has declared that it will not hold talks with Britain over Hong Kong's constitutional reforms unless Whitehall could guarantee its promises..... **Page 11**

Russia arms deal

Britain is investigating a report that Russia is to give tanks and missiles to Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia..... **Page 14**

Lambeth contracts

Secret reports into the activities of a building company awarded more than £2 million of contracts by Lambeth council in London, detail evidence of price-fixing, over-charging, sub-standard work and possible collusion between council staff and the contractor..... **Page 8**

Rioter sentenced

Alan Lord, who escaped from police cells during the trial, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment in his absence on charges arising out of the Strangeways jail riot nearly three years ago..... **Page 3**

Smoking tax

President Clinton is considering a super-tax on cigarettes more than doubling the price of a packet to $4 (£2.80p).... **Page 15**

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The government is to launch a £1.5 million television advertising campaign designed to boost the number of organs available for transplant. The number has fallen recently because of improved road safety..... **Page 8**

What the world thinks of Germans

■ Germans, according to a poll in 17 countries, are perceived as humourless (by the British) arrogant (by the Dutch), unreliable (by the Italians) intolerant, unsympathetic and badly behaved by many others; but Americans, Russians and Japanese like and respect them, and their virtues of dilligence and strength are universally admired..... **Page 15**



Waco wounded: US federal agents treat an injured comrade after a shoot-out with a religious cult in Waco, Texas. **Page 15**

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Cricket: England's cricket tour to India took a frightening turn when both sides were bombarded with dangerous objects by the crowd during the fourth one-day international at Jamshedpur which England won by six wickets. A sharpened bolt missed Devon Malcolm by inches..... **Pages 42, 44**

Boxing: Frank Bruno will fight the American, Carl "The Truth" Williams, at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on April 24. Williams was stopped in the first round by Mike Tyson in 1989..... **Page 44**

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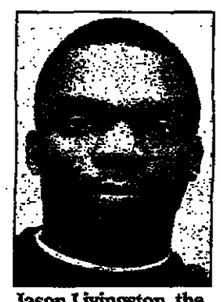
Intellecutal challenge: A lorry drove up to a small villa on the lawns surrounding the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and unloaded 26 boxes of documents, representing the Gulf war claim against Iraq of one Turkish engineering company. It was opening day for corporate claims at the United Nations Compensation Commission. Jeffrey A. Jannuzzo on the body set up to handle the claims..... **Page 35**



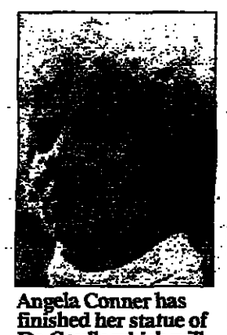
John Thaw is one of the stars of the BBC's *A Year in Provence* which has come under fire from critics and directors as idiotic and clumsy **Page 3**



Salvatore "Toto" Riina, accused in Palermo of being the Mafia boss of bosses, has told a court he was just a worker, a poor farmer **Page 15**



Jason Livingston, the sprinter who was sent home from the Olympics, is looking for a football career with Wigan of the Second Division **Page 40**



Angela Conner has finished her statue of De Gaulle which will be unveiled by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in Carlton Gardens, London **Page 8**

TV LISTINGS

For 20 years soldiers in the United States acted as unwitting guinea pigs in tests with LSD and other drugs. The results, both immediate and long-term, were often devastating. *First Tuesday* (ITV, 10.45pm)..... **Page 43**

OPINION

The French disease

The country is as hungry for change as it was when the socialists swept to government in 1981. The trouble today is that the voters no longer expect the politicians to deliver..... **Page 19**

Gas warfare

Competition is generally more desirable than unpredictable regulation. With luck, even Sid the shareholder might benefit from a break-up..... **Page 19**

In the good books

Empowerment of the masses may sound quaint, but it is no mean ideal. The public libraries should still aim at it..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. Well, let us: Ecclesiasticus is a very wise old bird, and if he says we should, I think we are bound to go along with his notion. What follows? What follows is a detailed description of what makes the famous men famous, and a pretty formidable picture it makes..... **Page 18**

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

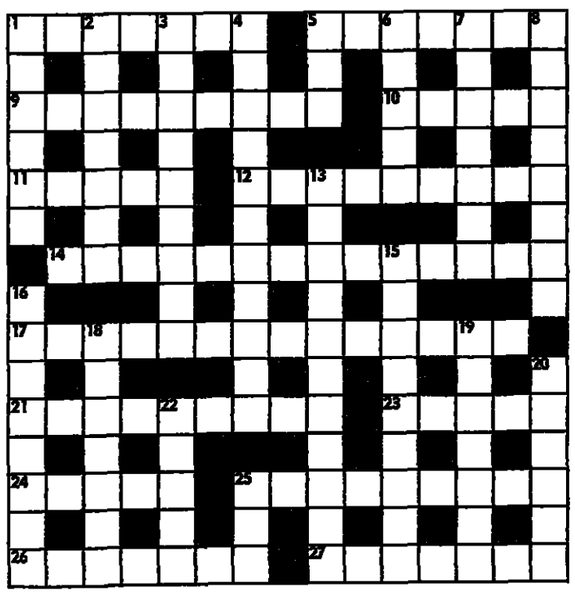
We taxpayers are of one view: I pay too much, you do not pay your fair whack. That originally sinful envy reaches a climax of righteousness when a highly paid public servant seems to be paying less tax than a casual reading of the tax schedules might suggest he should.. **Page 18**

Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, replies to reports that he has attacked the government's crime-fighting policy. Other correspondents comment on the proposals for leasehold reform... **Page 19**

We are going through a period in which the US is uncertain of its proper world role. It would perhaps be a benefit to lay out the results of a long-ago American commitment to world order that is now bearing bright fruit. That commitment was Korea where we prevented the world communist movement from achieving a grand success

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ACROSS

1 Little boy we hear needs support in mathematics (7).
5 A girl eastern people follow around, a goddess (7).
9 Fruit bun in untidy parcel (4-5).
10 Deputy commander gets stuck in the chimney (5).
11 Imbibe doctor's coloured liquid (5).
12 Laid out an extraordinary and extravagant tribute (9).
14 Conceal a weapon without, moreover, involving espionage (5-3-6).
17 He came back for a hundred days till percolator was repaired (6,3).
21 Essential ingredients of wintry vino — use rice, but not the husks (9).
23 National flag has only just opened (5).
24 A sailor returns book (5).
25 One in favour of seeing clause put in agreement (9).
26 Met to hear Saint Edward (7).
27 Awful-sounding German vessel (7).

DOWN

1 Row of shops built of a sort of cedar (6).
2 Lay up, after finally catching cold (7).
3 Crime perpetrated by wicked man, they say (9).
4 Panaceas rep's distributed — they have to be kept up (11).
5 In any event, a brood of pheasants appears (3).
6 Country where 60% of men join the army (5).
7 Destroying coarse cloth (7).
8 A small dwelling, not a place of learning (8).
13 Shade here out of favour (5,1,5).
15 One of the oldest inhabitants gives birth in Lincoln (9).
16 One interrupting noisy applicant (8).
18 To correspond completely (7).
19 Starting a rebellion (7).
20 Mouse, one of nine in song (6).
22 A small map, say, forming part of a collection (5).
25 Tramp needs somewhere to sleep (3).

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WEATHER

England and Wales should stay dry. However, northern and western areas may have some sleet or snow showers, and these are expected to die away only slowly. Many places should brighten up but it will continue to feel very cold. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry and bright spells at first but will turn cloudier with outbreaks of sleet or snow spreading to most parts. It will feel very raw. Outlook: dry and bright; turning milder in the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder, d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	r	Madrid	2	36	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Majorca	9	48	f
Alex'dria	24	75	f	Malaga	9	48	s
Algiers	9	48	c	Malta	13	55	c
Amst'dm	3	37	s	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	12	54	s
Bahrain	21	70	s	Miami*	23	73	s
Bangkok	32	90	c	Milan	4	39	r
Barbads*	29	84	f	Montreal*	-8	18	s
Barcelna	1	34	r	Moscow	-4	25	s
Beirut	19	66	s	Munich	3	37	c
Belgrade	6	43	s	Naples	10	50	r
Berlin	4	39	s	N Delhi	20	68	s
Bermuda*	19	66	c	N York*	-1	30	f
Biarritz	1	34	f	Nice	13	55	s
Borde'x	3	37	c	Oslo	0	32	s
Brussels	2	36	f	Paris	4	39	s
Budapst	6	43	s	Peking	7	45	s
B Aires*	26	79	f	Perth	29	84	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Prague	4	39	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Reykjavik	6	43	r
Chicago*	-2	28	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	22	72	s	Rio de J	29	82	f
Cologne	4	39	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
C'phagn	2	36	f	Rome	8	46	r
Corfu	15	59	f	Salzburg	8	46	f
Dublin	5	41	f	S Frisco*	12	54	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	10	50	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Florence	9	48	r	Seoul	-2	28	c
Frankfurt	5	41	s	Sing'por	25	77	r
Funchal	16	61	f	Stkholm	1	34	f
Geneve	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	1	34	c
Gibraltar	9	48	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Helsinki	-5	23	s	Tangier	9	48	c
Hong K	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Innsbruk	1	34	f	Tenerife	19	66	f
Istanbul	9	48	s	Tokyo	11	52	f
Jeddah	29	84	s	Toronto*	-3	27	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Tunis	16	61	c
Karachi	20	68	s	Valencia	10	50	f
L Palmas	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	8	46	s
Le Touet	1	34	s	Venice	5	41	r
Lisbon	8	46	f	Vienna	4	39	s
Locarno	3	37	c	Warsaw	2	36	f
London	3	37	c	Wash'ton*	3	37	s
L Angels*	13	55	s	Wel'ton	19	66	d
Luxembg	1	34	s	Zurich	-1	30	c
Luxor	35	95	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 05C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 01C (34F). Humidity: 6pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,013.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: St Angelo, co. Fermanagh, 6C (43F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, and Cellarhead, Staffordshire, 0C, (32F); highest rainfall: Marham, Norfolk, 0.59in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 8.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 04C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 05C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, -01C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.0hr.

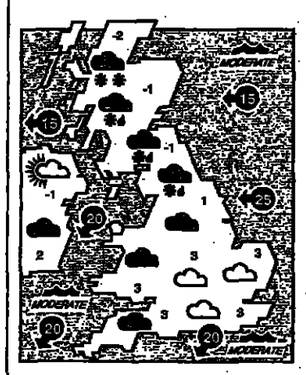
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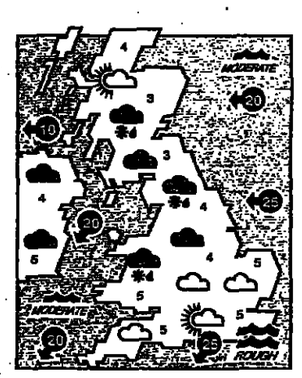
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Aberdeen	0.7	0.15	1	34	snow
Anglesey	4.9	-	4	39	snow
Aviemore	0.1	0.09	0	32	snow
Belfast	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Birmingham	4.6	0.04	3	37	snow
Bognor Regis	7.8	-	3	37	sunny
Bournemouth	8.2	0.01	3	37	sunny
Bristol	6.3	-	3	37	sunny
Buxton	2.0	0.02	0	32	snow
Cardiff	6.5	-	4	39	snow
Clacton	6.9	0.02	3	37	snow
Cromer	4.7	0.15	4	39	snow
Douglas	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.3	-	2	36	snow
Eskdalemuir	3.5	-	1	34	snow
Exmouth	8.4	-	4	39	snow
Falmouth	8.8	-	5	41	sunny
Folkestone	7.9	0.02	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	3.9	-	3	37	bright
Guernsey	5.1	0.17	5	41	snow
Hastings	8.2	-	4	39	sunny
Hunstanton	1.8	0.22	3	37	snow
Jersey	4.9	0.08	5	41	snow
Kinloss	-	0.05	2	36	snow
Leeds	6.3	-	3	37	snow
Lerwick	0.3	0.05	3	34	snow
Littlehampton	7.9	-	4	39	snow
Liverpool	5.7	-	3	37	sunny
London	4.0	-	3	37	snow
Lowestoft	4.4	0.29	4	39	snow
Manchester	2.8	-	2	36	snow
Margate	X	-	3	37	snow
Minehead	4.6	-	4	39	snow
Morecambe	4.9	-	3	37	snow
Newcastle	3.5	0.02	3	37	snow
Newquay	6.1	-	4	39	snow
Nottingham	7.5	0.01	2	36	snow
Penzance	3.7	0.09	5	41	snow
Plymouth	8.0	0.02	4	39	snow
Poole	7.6	0.01	4	39	sunny
Prestwick	2.1	-	4	39	bright
Saunton Snd	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Scarborough	3.2	0.11	3	37	snow
Scilly Isles	2.1	0.06	5	41	snow
Southend	6.3	-	4	39	sunny
Southsea	7.3	-	4	39	sunny
Stornoway	2.4	-	4	39	bright
Swanage	7.7	0.02	4	39	sunny
Teignmouth	8.7	-	5	41	sunny
Tenby	7.3	0.01	4	39	sunny
Tiree	1.7	-	5	41	bright
Torquay	8.9	-	5	41	sunny
Wick	0.1	-	2	36	snow
Worthing	5.8	-	4	39	snow

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	1.94
Austria Sch	17.75	16.25
Belgium Fr	52.00	47.60
Canada $	1.92	1.76
Denmark Kr	9.71	8.96
Finland Mrk	9.26	8.46
France Fr	8.54	7.84
Germany Dm	2.52	2.32
Greece Dr	341.00	316.00
Hong Kong $	11.80	10.80
Ireland Pt	1.025	0.945
Italy Lira	2375.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	188.00	169.00
Netherlands Gld	2.83	2.60
Norway Kr	10.88	9.88
Portugal Esc	229.00	211.00
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.80
Spain Pta	176.00	163.00
Sweden Kr	11.78	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	14000.0	13000.0
USA $	1.535	1.41

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London 5.43 pm to 8.44 am
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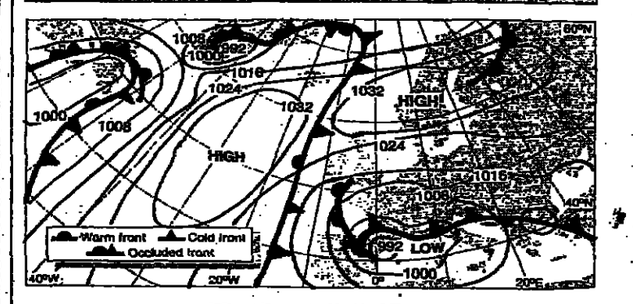
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Sun sets: 5.43 pm
Moon sets 2.31 am
Moon rises 10.35 pm
Full moon March 8

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	f	Guernsey	3	37	f
B'mgham	2	36	c	Inverness	5	41	f
Blackpool	3	37	sn	Jersey	5	41	s
Bristol	2	36	sn	London	3	37	c
Cardiff	3	37	c	M'chester	2	36	f
Edinburgh	3	37	c	Newcastle	3	37	c
Glasgow	4	39	f	R'nldsway	4	39	s

HIGH & LOW WATER

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.50	5.9	7.21	5.8	Liverpool	4.13	7.5	4.57	7.3
Aberdeen	6.52	3.3	7.34	3.3	Lowestoft	2.46	2.0	3.30	1.9
Avonmouth			12.07	10.0	Margate	4.59	4.0	5.43	3.9
Belfast	4.31	3.0	5.04	2.9	Milford Haven	11.33	5.2		
Cardiff	11.52	9.4			Newquay	10.32	5.3	11.11	5.2
Devonport	11.06	4.3	11.41	4.3	Oban	11.03	2.8	11.27	2.9
Dover	3.53	5.5	4.37	5.2	Penzance	10.22	4.3	11.00	4.3
Falmouth	10.36	4.1	11.11	4.1	Portland	11.20	1.3		
Glasgow	5.53	4.1	6.12	3.7	Portsmouth	4.25	4.0	5.08	3.8
Harwich	4.48	3.3	5.22	3.2	Shoreham	4.02	4.7	4.47	4.7
Holyhead	3.32	4.4	4.19	4.3	Southampton	4.13	3.8	4.59	3.6
Hull	11.33	5.8			Swansea	11.56	7.2		
Ilfracombe	11.12	6.8	11.50	6.8	Tees	9.24	4.2	10.00	4.2
King's Lynn	11.36	4.8			Wilton-on-Nze	4.45	3.5	5.19	3.4
Leith	8.25	4.2	8.58	4.3					



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RESIGNING

TATE LYLE

Stephen Brown has made an abrupt departure as chief executive of Tate & Lyle after disputes over management style
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REBUKING

Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, said that a short-term fix must be spurned if coal privatisation is to be possible
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REJECTING



The battle for a third of the British package holiday industry intensified as Owners Abroad rejected the new offer from Airtours
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4408 (+0.0203)
German mark ..2.3747 (+0.0401)
Exchange Index ..... 77.1 (+1.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2882.6 (+14.6)
Dow Jones ...3380.54 (+9.73)*
Nikkei Avge ...16879.80 (-78.75)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank .... 6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.95-2.94%*
Long Bond 6.83%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£/$	1.4404*	£/$	1.4397
$/DM	1.6465*	£/DM	2.3711
$/SwFr	1.5260*	£/SwFr	2.1984
$/Fr	5.5858*	£/Fr	8.0555
$/Yen	118.59*	£/Yen	170.50
£/SDR	n/a	£/ECU	1.2231

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 328.40 ..... PM 328.50
Close 328.40-328.90
New York:
Comex 329.25-329.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Break-up proposals shake British Gas

■ British Gas says that a proposal to split the organisation into 17 separate companies is a radical and irreversible measure that would raise costs and help foreign rivals

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

OFGAS, the gas industry regulator, has proposed demerging British Gas, Britain's second-biggest utility, into as many as 17 separate companies.

In submissions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the future of the gas industry, Ofgas called for the establishment of 12 regional supply companies, producing an industry in which competition could largely substitute for regulation. Only the core gas transmission business, which accounts for more than half of the company's assets, would remain closely regulated.

The proposals triggered an apoplectic reaction from British Gas and deep concern at the Gas Consumers Council, the consumer watchdog.

Robert Evans, British Gas chairman, said they were "tantamount to a smash and grab raid on our business". He claimed they would add £3 billion to the industry's costs, result in dearer gas for the consumer, and open Britain's gas industry wide to foreign rivals without securing reciprocal access to overseas markets.

Ian Powe, director of the consumers' council, said consumer satisfaction with British Gas was already rising measurably, thanks to Ofgas's efforts. "We have no evidence that there is a radical problem that needs such a radical and irreversible solution," he said. However, Ofgas, under Sir James McKinnon, believes that the separation of British Gas's transmission business, already agreed in principle, from the rest of its activities may not go far enough.

"Real choice can only be provided through effective competition, and it is our belief that a fully competitive structure will ultimately result in a better deal for customers than would a heavily regulated monopoly," the regulator's proposals say.

To that end, Ofgas says the MMC should consider the advantages of splitting British Gas into 15 to 17 separate businesses. The most radical proposal is the creation of 12 regional supply companies, based on British Gas's 12 regional divisions, which would deal direct with the company's 18 million customers, sending them bills, selling them appliances, and servicing their boilers.

These companies would face competition from a host of rivals, including many regional electricity companies, which have the expertise, and the facilities, to provide a similar service.

A gas purchasing company could be established to hold British Gas's portfolio of fuel contracts, joined with, or separately from, an exploration and development company.

A transporting company would run the pipeline business — a natural monopoly, according to Ofgas. A separate storage company would help ensure security of supplies.

British Gas's overseas interests could then form a seventeenth company, or they could be split between other businesses as appropriate.

Ofgas said: "There is no management reason for the present level of integration, and greater cost consciousness at each operating level would greatly enhance the efficiency of the company."

The regulator envisages a staged re-organisation spread over up to five years.

British Gas privatised as a monopoly in 1986, has faced increasingly successful pressure from Ofgas to open up its business to competition. The Ofgas call for a top-to-bottom restructuring clearly came as a profound shock to the company. It was made public less than a week after British Gas and its regulator finally achieved common ground on many of the mechanisms for separation of the distribution business, which assures distribution of gas from beach-head to household meter.

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His world falling apart: Robert Evans likened the proposals to a smash and grab raid

Documents were forged to inflate MCC profits

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE late Robert Maxwell forged documents to inflate the profits of Maxwell Communication Corporation, his flagship company, by £37 million in 1991. Price Waterhouse, MCC's administrator, which uncovered the alleged false transactions, believes there could be more fake deals involving millions of pounds.

In his chairman's statement in the 1991 annual report, Mr Maxwell said MCC had made £80.7 million pre-tax profit from foreign exchange dealings, and that this boosted total pre-tax profits for the year to £145.5 million.

Mr Maxwell drowned in November 1991, off the coast of the Canary Islands, a few days before one of his banks called in a £50 million loan. His empire collapsed owing more than £2.5 billion — £420 million of which was allegedly stolen from employee pension funds.

Price Waterhouse has now estimated that about £100 million of the $3 billion owed by MCC to creditors has been recovered and another £200 million is likely to be recovered. MCC pensioners are owed about £56 million.

Investigators waded through 2,000 crates of papers documenting more than £18 billion worth of transactions and concluded at least four deals had been faked either by Mr Maxwell personally or certainly with his knowledge.

Investigators then examined the photocopied memoranda and found uneven type faces and use of different type size. Three of the four papers allegedly had been initialled by Mr Maxwell.

David Lee, who led the investigation, said: "It is quite clear that Robert Maxwell was under severe cash and profit pressure for at least two years before his death and uncovering these transactions calls into question a whole lot of other dealings. We have yet to see the full story."

The allegations are contained in a 215-page disclosure document filed to the Southern District court of New York for approval under the US bankruptcy code of a plan to sell all or parts of MCC's American publishing interests. MCC was the first corporate collapse to go into administration on both side of the Atlantic simultaneously.

MCC's 1991 results caused a stir when they were reported, with several commentators remarking on the unusually large foreign currency trading profit, which flattered pre-tax profits. Many were worried that this performance could not be duplicated year-on-year and that Mr Maxwell was depending too much on chance for profit growth.

Price Waterhouse also said it was considering legal action against Coopers & Lybrand, MCC's auditor that carried out the external audit for most of Maxwell's empire. Price Waterhouse has requested access to Coopers's own files and any case will depend on the contents.

Coopers said last night they had no reason to doubt MCC's accounts, which were based on the information made available by the company. A spokesman said it was normal practice for administrators to ask for information from auditors. It is believed Coopers is still considering Price Waterhouse's request for files made yesterday.

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M0 growth boosts sterling

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING surged yesterday, largely on hopes that Germany is preparing to lower interest rates. The pound gained 2 cents against the dollar, which closed at $1.4408 to the pound, and 4 pfennigs against the mark.

The move into sterling was encouraged by higher than expected money supply growth last month and because some investors took at face value the Chancellor's weekend statement that he had no further rate cuts in mind.

The mark was weakened by hints from the German authorities at the Group of Seven meeting last weekend that there is more scope for German interest rates to be cut. The pound closed at DM2.3747, compared with Friday's close of DM2.3346.

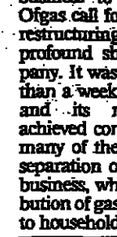
The markets were dominated by talk of a German rate cut as early as this Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting. However, the Bundesbank may want to wait to cut interest rates as the Solidarity Pact talks between the government, employers and trade unions appear to be faltering.

Sterling was a clear beneficiary of this speculation with its rally reinforced by news that narrow M0 money supply had risen a larger than expected 0.7 per cent in February to give an annual growth rate of 4.8 per cent (4.1 per cent in January), well above its government target range of zero per cent to 4 per cent.

The Bank of England also confirmed in final figures that M4 broad money supply had risen at an annual rate of 3.2 per cent in January, below the government's monitoring range of 4 to 8 per cent.

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Watching the traffic in the Alps



ANTHONY HARRIS

In response to a terse message from on high — "That's enough national salvation plans — Ed" — I have been forced to pigeon-hole my scheme for privatising the Bank of England until the yawning dies down, and to draw your attention instead to something that is actually happening — a change in the road traffic pattern in the Ticino. It is a change that will make driving marginally safer, more important, it could signal the European Investment Opportunity of the Year. (This will finally be confirmed at the 1994 meeting of the Hindsight Trust, of which I have the honour to be chairman.)

But to the present: Italy, as you know, is a land of tradition; although most countries have joined the age of electronic cash transmission, Italians who wish to transfer sums overseas still prefer to use their own banknotes. In the days when such transfers were illegal, they were made in suitcases, but since capital movements were freed as part of the progress towards the single market, the system has been industrialised. Notes now arrive by the car-boot load, and are recycled in large armoured trucks. When the lira came under pressure last September, one Ticino bank was repatriating four truck loads a week from Switzerland to Italy; but in the past few weeks, I learn, the traffic has dried up. There are two possible ways to interpret this sudden change, and both are bullish for Italy.

In theory, it could simply reflect the sudden blockage of the usual channels — the system of bribes and favours that has filled in for any official or popular support for the Italian political parties. Since these payments were illegal (unlike corporate party subscriptions in the English-speaking world, which simply have to be reported to shareholders), some, no doubt, were routinely laundered. There has been no such easy way to make money in this country since the Ministry of Defence abolished simple, cost-plus contracts, and most of it came from Italian taxpayers (and the less successful tax evaders) at the national and especially the local level. The current clean-up is deadly serious (it already has put more than 100 senior politicians and financial officers in prison, and driven eight to suicide). If those involved stay as terrorised as they are at the moment, there will be a large but, at this stage, unguessable improvement in the national fiscal balance, since Italian public investments were not only made at grossly excessive cost, but also were often complete white elephants (shades again of Anglo-Saxon defence spending). Now, remember that the Italian fiscal balance was already in primary surplus (a surplus, that is, before debt interest), and you will see that the so-called structural transformation of the budget could be much quicker than anyone has forecast, and largely accomplished under headings unknown to the official finger-wagging organisations in Brussels, Paris and Washington.

However, this was a routine, long-term flow; the truck load traffic that has so suddenly ended recently was a crisis flow. This reflects a change in the Italian attitude to their national currency. It used to be seen by Italians as over-valued and insecurely propped up within the ERM. Italians who held funds in Switzerland used to spend some of them on the spot in bargain shopping expeditions. Now it is floating, and regarded as undervalued, so they take some of their money home. If confidence in the heroic Premier D'Amato grows strong enough to get the armoured trucks moving north, the Italian market will become an urgent buy, for local self-confidence is the foundation of any currency's strength.

One may regard this as an absurdly fanciful picture; but it is not long since any Mexican would have said the same of the idea that Mexicans might tire of US dollars. It has happened, though, in a whole series of Latin American countries, and the banks that used to facilitate flight money there now report that they cannot interest customers in offshore investment. The return flows abolished the LDC debt problem, stock markets took off (initially eightfold in Mexico, for example), and the alternatives now look boring.

This thought should disturb anyone who spends much time in scanning lists of building society investment accounts.

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Tate & Lyle chief executive leaves after "differences"

By Colin Campbell

TATE & Lyle's chief executive, who was highly praised by Neil Shaw, the chairman, in November 1991, left the group abruptly yesterday after "cultural differences".

Stephen Brown became chief executive last April. His departure will involve a compensation payment of about £900,000. Mr Shaw said it followed disputes over management style and cultural differences.

Tate & Lyle added: "We have reached an amicable separation with Stephen Brown and we wish him well."

Mr Shaw said in November, 1991, that Mr Brown "has thoroughly familiarised himself with the group's world-wide operations in 1991 and has been responsible for the planning of the group's activities in 1992.

"He is a strong addition to the group's management team and we welcome him to the senior executive position in the group." Yesterday, Mr Shaw said Mr Brown did not have a background in the agricultural industry.

Analysts said they were disappointed but not shocked by Mr Brown's departure after less than a year as chief executive.

But they said they "note with relief" that Mr Shaw becomes Tate & Lyle's executive chairman. Mr Shaw, who will wind down his other City activities to concentrate on Tate & Lyle, is credited with a hands-on management style, and was previously chairman and chief executive before the roles were split.

Paul Lewis, the group's finance director, who is well regarded in City circles as a solid strategy person, will additionally take on the post of group deputy chairman.

As part of a new board structure, consisting of five committees, other board appointments have been made.

An executive management committee has been established which is charged with the control of operations throughout the world. Mr Shaw said: "I am sure that this management structure will be both durable and effective."

Mr Brown, aged 54, was on an annual salary of more than £340,000. He joined Tate's board in 1991 from Alcan. He was employed under a service contract that could be terminated by the group at six months' notice, given at any time, and that provided for a compensation payment equal to three times his annual remuneration.

The service contract will be honoured in full, the group said.

Other changes include the retirement, on April 1, of Murray McEwen, who is replaced by Paul Mirsky as managing director of the North American sugar division. Mr McEwen retains responsibility for Australia.

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Hands on: Neil Shaw becomes executive chairman

Citibank in property assets deal

By Carl Mortished

CITIBANK is buying more than £200 million of property from the receivers of the collapsed Randsworth Trust property group in a transaction which will transfer the assets to Citibank Investments Ltd, a subisidiary of the American bank.

According to Citibank, the consideration paid relates to an exchange of debt for equity. The bank lent more than £200 million to the property company whose parent, Randsworth Acquisition, went into administrative receivership in March last year.

Steve Karper, regional director of Citibank, said that the objective was to sell the properties and that, ultimately, flotation of the company was an option. "One thing is clear: we are not a property company. We are working towards an exit," he said.

The move to buy out most of the Randsworth assets gives the bank complete control over the management and timing of any ultimate sale of the portfolio, which includes 25 Berkeley Square in Mayfair and 99 Kensington High Street, the former Derry & Toms department store.

Business round-up

American trade deficit soars by 31 per cent

AMERICA'S trade deficit surged 31 per cent to $96.3 billion last year, despite a decline in the fourth quarter. The $50 billion deficit with Japan was up nearly $6 billion from 1991, and the largest with any single country. Deficits with Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan also widened. The deficits with Western Europe and Opec members narrowed. Western Europe's outturn was $3 billion, down from $14.9 billion.

On an annual basis, it was the first rise in the US trade gap since 1987. The deficit had hit a low of $73.4 billion in 1991 after peaking at $160 billion in 1987, the Commerce Department said. On a quarterly basis, the deficit totalled $26 billion for the October-December period, down 6 per cent from $27.6 billion in the third quarter. Economists are anticipating a further deterioration in the American trade deficit this year.

Jobs for Scotland

NEARLY 300 jobs were promised for Scotland in a £2.25 million plan by an American drugs research company to create a European headquarters at Livingston, near Edinburgh. VRG International, based in New Jersey, intends to set up a management and data centre, employing 226 people, and clinics carrying out contract research. The first phase would involve setting up a short-stay clinic at St John's Hospital in Livingston, employing 58 people.

JAL cuts back in US

JAPAN Air Lines will close five of its 12 representative offices in the US in the next 12 months and cut its ticketing centres from five to two. About 150 local staff will be affected and JAL intends to move 31 out of 140 Japanese staff back to Japan. The difficulties of the airline industry were further underlined by Bernard Attali, chairman of Air France, who blamed a price war for falling passenger traffic and earnings per passenger so far this year.

Tarmac triumvirate

TARMAC, the building group that is expected to announce annual losses of hundreds of millions of pounds, is strengthening the top management with a new post of chief operating officer, to be filled by John Lovering, most recently managing director for corporate development and international operations at Sears, the retail group. Mr Lovering will form with Neville Simms, chief executive, and Terry Mason, finance director, a triumvirate at the top of Tarmac.

Lilleshall's good year

LILLESHALL, the building products and industrial consumables group, overcame difficult conditions in the year ended December 31 and achieved a record pre-tax profit of £3.12 million (£2.4 million) on a turnover of £52.1 million (£36.7 million). The dividend rises to 4.25p (4p). The group made several acquisitions, but says the second half of the year was difficult. Provided economies remain stable, or start to recover, progress is possible this year.

Eastern freezes prices

EASTERN Electricity has become the second of the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales to announce a price freeze for the year starting in April. The announcement follows a similar move from Seeboard, which distributes in the South East. Eastern, the biggest of the 12, says the company is able to hold prices to its 3 million customers because of cost savings from improved efficiencies.

Volkswagen fears

THE Volkswagen share price dipped against a rising Frankfurt market in response to a gloomy report in *Der Spiegel* that said the management board expects an operating loss in the first quarter that will exceed DM1 billion, as much as VW lost in the whole of 1992. The company declined to comment on the report which also said Ferdinand Piëch, the management board chairman, will on March 16 present new plans that call for drastic cost-cutting.

Halifax plan blocked

THE Halifax Building Society has been blocked from using its name for a motor insurance subsidiary because there is an existing company called Halifax Insurance. A temporary High Court injunction was granted, stopping the launch of an 18-month pilot scheme for the building society's Motor Xtra insurance. It will remain in force until a full trial of the trademark and "passing off" action brought by Halifax Insurance.

Beauford to restructure capital

By Rodney Hobson

BEAUFORD, the Yorkshire engineering group, plans a capital restructuring and warns shareholders of further "substantial" asset write-downs. Ordinary shares halved to 7p on news that they are to be divided into one share of 1p par value and nine deferred shares. Preference shareholders, who have not received a dividend since July 1991, are being asked to forgo the missed payments totalling £1.9 million and accept conversion into ordinary shares.

Beauford said that to redeem the preference shares by the due date of July 2003 "would require an extraordinary and sustained improvement in the group's current trading performance".

On June 30, 1992, after adjusting for the disposal of the company's interest in E.W. Bliss (England), Beauford had borrowings of £13.3 million against net assets of £7.3 million.

The board expects to make further substantial write-downs in the value of assets and to make extra provisions for restructuring costs for the second half of 1992. Despite the reduction in the group's borrowings to about £11.7 million, the gearing remains "unacceptably high" and a debt reduction plan drawn up in consultation with the banks is "actively being pursued".

Holliday to offer shares

By Colin Campbell

HOLLIDAY Chemical Holdings, which was a £4 million buyout from a private company in 1987, is coming to the stock market with a public offer and placing of shares that will raise £70 million, of which £35 million will be fresh capital for Holliday.

The group, whose activities in Britain, Spain and France have a turnover of £97 million, and which in its 1992 financial year achieved an operating profit of £14 million, is likely to command a market capitalisation of £150 million.

The offer price, to be announced on March 25, could be between 180p and 200p a share, equivalent to a price earnings ratio of between 16 and 18 times. Holliday has had an average annual organic growth rate over the past five years of 17 per cent. The group is confident about prospects this year, despite continuing difficult economic conditions in many of its markets.

Michael Peagram, chairman and chief executive, said venture capitalists who backed the original buyout intended selling half of their overall shareholding, though management would retain a 20 per cent holding in the group.

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Airtours increases offer for Owners

■ Airtours has two weeks to persuade Owners Abroad shareholders that its increased and final offer is a knockout despite further rejection by the Owners board

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

AIRTOURS has intensified the battle for a third of the British package holiday industry by increasing its hostile bid for the rival Owners Abroad company by £40 million to £269 million.

The new offer was immediately rejected by Howard Klein, the Owners chairman, and his board. "We still believe it undervalues the company and doesn't take sufficient account of both the value and the potential," he said.

Airtours, in what David Crossland, its chairman, claims is a knock-out blow, is offering 15 of its shares for every 34 in Owners. The new offer also has a partial cash alternative, offering Owners Abroad shareholders 121p per share for 56 per cent of their holdings.

The stock market responded by marking up Airtours shares by 3p to 309p, at which price the offer is worth just above 136p a share. Owners Abroad shares advanced 3p to 134p, almost dead in line with the terms on offer if the 2.52p final dividend that Airtours says Owners's shareholders will be able to keep if the bid succeeds is taken into account.

Mr Crossland said the offer, which suggests a historic exit multiple of 15.8 based on the Owners profits for the year to end-October, was final and would not be increased unless a third party enters the fray. Owners has negotiated a link with Thomas Cook and LTU Group, a German holiday operator, and there have been suggestions in the stock market that the latter could return with a higher offer to ensure the link goes ahead.

Mr Crossland said Airtours had narrowly failed last week, after the companies had learnt that the bid would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, to agree a bid with Owners. "We were trying to do a recommended deal over the last four days, and there was no talk about the Germans at all" he said.

The company has buttressed the value of the shares on offer with a forecast of a 20 per cent rise in the dividend for the current year to end-September, to at least 8.7p.

The bid has two weeks or more still to run, closing 14 days from the formal posting of the formal increased offer documents, expected this week. Mr Klein said: "We will be talking to our shareholders and will obviously be trying to persuade them that if they accept this they will be giving up very considerable benefits to Owners Abroad."

Mr Crossland said Airtours' bookings were gaining momentum and market share continued to be ahead of that of Owners. Winter 1992-3 and this summer's volumes were up year-on-year by 19 and 14 per cent respectively.

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TED BATH



Sitting it out: David Crossland, of Airtours, who yesterday raised his offer for Owners to £269 million

Small shareholders call for Trafalgar finance chief to go

BY JON ASHWORTH

SHAREHOLDERS of Trafalgar House yesterday called for the resignation of John Andsell, finance director, and Touche Ross, its auditors.

About 150 small shareholders attended a stormy meeting in London to vote on the group's controversial £204.5 million rights issue.

The vote was carried on a show of hands, but many of those present used the opportunity to attack Alan Clements, the non-executive chairman, over the succession of woes to befall the shipping, property and engineering conglomerate.

Defending Mr Andsell, Mr Clements said: "I would reiterate that there are no planned changes to the group's advisors or to the board other than those already announced." Touche Ross's appointment as auditor will be reviewed in the summer.

He referred to what he called misleading comment in the press about the Financial Reporting Review Panel's decision to make the group bring a £138 million write-down on property assets into its profit and loss account, turning a profit of £122.5 million into a £30 million loss. One shareholder reminded Mr Clements: "Our money pays your wages; remember that please." Another drew attention to the important role of non-executive directors in a company of this size. Shareholders have seen their shares more than halve in value since the group's last rights issue in July 1991.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales is investigating the circumstances surrounding the restatement. This is standard practice after a ruling by the FRRP.

The institute said that it was too early to say whether any steps would be taken against any of the four accountants on Trafalgar's board. The four are: David Calverly, property division chairman, Ian Fowler, company secretary, Sir Eric Parker, deputy chairman, and Mr Andsell.

Trafalgar's shares were unchanged at 79p.

☐ John Brown, a member of the engineering division of Trafalgar House, has won a US$60 million contract for a 100,000 tonne per year acetic acid project in China.

Governor warns of threat to inflation

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ANY further substantial fall in sterling would put the government's inflation target at risk and, if the pound were to rise amid general European interest rate cuts, there would be no question of holding it lower to maintain its competitive advantage, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, said.

In a wide-ranging speech in Bristol, he said that any rise in sterling in the wake of European interest rate cuts would "greatly assist the achievement of the government's target for reducing inflation". He said that the substantial fall in the value of sterling was not a deliberate object of policy and that the authorities had "most certainly not been seeking to secure a competitive advantage through depreciation".

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said that Europe would be ill-advised to move towards monetary union now, given persistent economic divergence between various members of the Community. "In the long run it may well be that a single currency will be an effective way of binding the economies together, but until we have reached a much closer level of economic convergence than is now the case, such a move would impose very severe adjustment costs," he said.

He added that the exchange-rate mechanism had become too rigid and that prompt realignments should be undertaken when exchange rates were inconsistent with economic fundamentals.

The Governor welcomed the informal discussions at the weekend between the finance ministers of the Group of Seven that had helped foster a new co-operation. He particularly endorsed the message that the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade must come to a speedy resolution and advised against the "siren song of the protectionists".

He rejected the notion that there is a global slump, saying that the G7 countries had grown modestly last year. However, he said that the protracted slow down is clearly "contributing to a sense of economic malaise".

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London hotels cannot rely on weak pound

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE falling pound and strong dollar will not prove the saving of the London hotel industry by attracting back the free-spending American tourist, according to the annual industry survey by Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

Americans are already opting for provincial hotels, or even for self-catering, put off by high prices in the capital, claims Paul Slattery, Kleinwort's leisure analyst. The study says that hoteliers must brace themselves for at least two more lean years, contrary to hopes that lower sterling could spark a resurgence for hotels that have suffered since the Gulf war.

A recovery in the British economy over the next two years will help performance, but Kleinwort now accepts that the industry will not return immediately to the long-term marginal growth trend that the broker had hoped for three years ago.

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STOCK MARKET

Bulls continue to chase prices higher

THE bulls continued to hold the upper hand, with hopes of a German interest rate cut this week enabling share prices to be squeezed steadily higher.

The FT-SE 100 index recovered from a hesitant start to the new trading account and closed near the top of the day, helped by a better start to trading on Wall Street. It finished 14.6 points up, at a new closing high of 2,882.6 in thin trading that saw only 535 million shares change hands. It now stands just 17.5 short of its record trading high.

The Bundesbank is due to meet on Thursday in the wake of the G7 meeting in London that indicated there was scope for a cut in rates. But as a number of brokers pointed out, the last time the Germans cut interest rates the London stock market when into a nosedive.

At the moment, investors are reluctant to sell the market but are restricting purchases to the top 200 companies. This is creating stock shortages and putting market-makers under pressure.

The squeeze is also being exacerbated by the futures market where dealers are continuing to report strong demand for the June series.

The market's performance was made all the more remarkable by the large number of companies going ex-dividend.

This was calcuated to be the equivalent of a seven-point fall in the index. Two of the companies going ex-dividend, **Carlton Communications**, down 19p at 778p, and **Rank Organisation**, 20p lower at 667p, also had other problems to worry about.

Recent reports suggest their video duplication businesses could suffer from the introduction of a laser duplication system. It is claimed that the new system could be installed in video rental outlets, reproducing copies of various films in a short space of time.

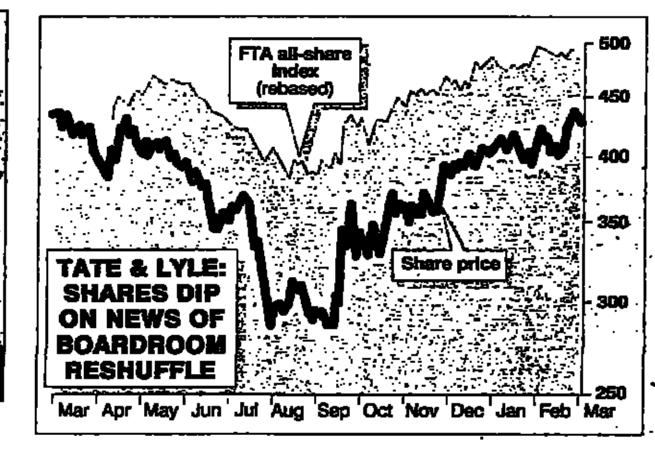
The prospect of a softening of German interest rates boosted **RMC Group** 11p to 617p and **Redland** 19p to 485p. Both have large subsidiaries operating in Germany.

British Gas gained 3½p to finish at 301½p. The climb followed a call by Ofgas to divide the company's gas supply business into 12 regional operations. Ofgas is also proposing that the group's gas purchasing business and offshore gas fields be demerged.

Ofgas said the moves would offer consumers a wider choice. But British Gas reacted angrily to the proposals, describing them as tantamount to a smash and grab raid.

London International, the Durex contraceptives group, touched 215p before rallying to close all-square at 220p after the Office of Fair Trading decided to refer the supply of condoms in the UK to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The market is estimated to be worth about £45 million a year and is dominated by LIG, with 75 per cent of the market. Alan Woltz, LIG's non-executive chairman, said that he welcomed the enquiry. **Fisons** recovered some of its poise, jumping 8p to 229p ahead of figures later today. The speculators have lost a lot of money on Fisons in recent weeks. Most of them had been pinning their hopes on a bid for the company. **NFC**, Britain's biggest road haulier, fell 5p to 264p after forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from a restated £85.4 million to between £95 million and £100 million. City analysts had been looking for anything up to £107 million.


Woltz: LIG in enquiry



Forte, steady at 195p, should cut the final dividend by 60 per cent to restore cover when the finals are announced in April, Paul Slattery, of Kleinwort Benson, says in his annual review of the hotel industry. He also rates Queens Moat Houses, ½p lower at 50p, a buy and Ladbroke, unchanged at 195p, a sell.

The forecast accompanied first-quarter figures showing pretax profits up from £17.7 million to £19.5 million. The group said there was still considerable economic uncertainty. **Tate & Lyle** fell 3p to 434p after the surprise resignation of Stephen Brown as chief executive. The group described it as an amicable seperation and announced that Neil Shaw would become executive chairman and Paul Lewis would be deputy chairman.

Trafalgar House, the shipping to property and construction group, was unchanged at 79p after shareholders voted to approve a proposed £204.5 million rights issue. Some shareholders complained the money was being raised to allow further write-offs.

Owners Abroad, the package tour operator, ended 3p better at 134p in ex-dividend form after rejecting the latest increased terms from **Airtours**, its rival, which was 3p better at 309. Airtours has increased the value of its bid by £40 million to £269 million and is now offering 15 of its own shares for every 34 of Owners Abroad, equivalent to 136p a share. Shares in **Stonehill**, the furniture supplier, returned from suspension 7½p higher at 17½p. Bid rumours swirled round **James Wilkes**, the engineer, in late trading as the price climbed 18p to 66p, with almost 2 million shares traded.

David Abel, the chief executive of Suter, is thought to have built up a stake of about 8 per cent. Wilkes was the target of an abortive bid from Petrocon, now renamed Beverly Group.

Carr Kitcat & Aitken, the stockbroker, is taking a more optimistic view of prospects for the textile sector during 1993.

Khaleeq Taimuri, an analyst, expects the forthcoming reporting season to show profits broadly ahead after cost cutting and is forecasting that lower interest rates will lead to a substantial improvement in trading prospects.

Kitcat prefers those companies with a broad international spread of of activities. Top of its shopping list are **Coats Viyella**, down 2p at 224p, **Courtaulds Textiles**, 1p firmer at 589p, **Claremont Garments**, unchanged at 325p, **Dawson International**, steady at 222p, and **Readicut International**, unmoved at 94p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Dow heads higher in early trading

New York — Shares were higher in late morning trading with drug shares, the leading group in a market, responding favourably to the possibility of lower German interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4.06 points to 3,374.87.

Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president of Reich & Co, said: "Today, we have a market that continues to be positive on the economy and hopeful that Germany will cut interest rates."

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended lower but off lows in thin trading. The Nikkei average was down 73.75 points to 16,879.60.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares ended close to their record highs as hopes for a Sino-British thaw. US institutional buying and anticipated good annual results for leading blue chips buoyed the market. The Hang Seng index was 46.83 points higher at 6,398.82.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 5.60 points to 1,658.90.

☐ **Sydney** — The lowest monthly current account deficit in five years sent shares to their largest one-day gain in more than seven months. The All-Ordinaries index soared 29.7 points to 1639.3.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index rose 16.60 points to end at 1,700.95, its highest finish since July 17, 1992. *(Reuter)*.

	Mar 1 midday	Feb 26 close
AMP Inc	57	57
AMR Corp	59	59
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	48	49
Ahmanson (HF)	20	20
Air Prod & Chem	44	44
Albertson's	52	51
Alcan Aluminum	19	19
Alco Standard	41	41
Allied Signal	65	65
Alum Co of Am	70	70
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	51	51
Amer Brands	33	34
Amer Cyanamid	49	49
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	29	58
Amer Home Pr	61	60
Amer Intl	121	122
Amer Stores	37	37
Amer T & T	55	55
Ameritech	74	74
Amoco	56	56
Anheuser-Busch	54	55
Apple Computer	53	53
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	26	27
Atl Richfield	120	119
Auto Data Pro	53	53
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	60	60
Baker Hughes	23	23
Baltim Gas & El	26	25
Banc One	52	52
BankAmerica	53	53
Bank of NY	56	55
Bankers Tr NY	68	67
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	52	52
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dicknsn	76	72
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	56	56
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	38	41
Boeing	34	34
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	25	25
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	56
Browning Ferris	26	26
Burlington Nthn	46	47
CBS	198	199
CNA Financial	93	93
CPC Intl	48	48
CSX	70	70
Campbell Soup	42	42
Can Pacific	13	13
Cpd Cities ABC	491	493
Cpd Holdings	76	76
Carolina Pwr	32	31
Caterpillar	58	58
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	29	..
Chase Manhat	31	31
Chemical Bk	41	40
Chevron Corp	77	77
Chrysler	39	39
Chubb Corp	91	91
Cigna Corp	61	61
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	46	48
Coastal Corp	25	25
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	61	62
Columbia Gas	22	23
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Corp	43	45
Comp Ass Intl	25	25
ConAgra	28	27
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	53	54
Cooper Inds	50	49
Corning Inc	33	33
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	45	45
Dayton Hudson	77	77
Deere	52	52
Delta Air Lines	48	49
Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	36	36
Digital Equip	47	47
Dillard Dept St	43	44
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	42	42
Donnelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	54
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Bradstreet	57	57
Du Pont	46	46
Eastman Kodak	53	53
Eaton Corp	79	79

	Mar 1 midday	Feb 26 close
Emerson Elec	58	58
Engelhard Corp	43	43
Enron Corp	57	56
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	27	27
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	55	56
Fed Nat Mrge	78	78
First Chicago	43	44
First Interstate	53	52
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33
Fluor Corp	44	44
Ford Motor	46	45
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	33	34
Gen Dynamics	117	117
Gen Electric	84	84
Gen Mills	69	69
Gen Motors	37	37
Gen Reinsurance	117	117
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	34	35
Georgia Pac	65	65
Gillette	60	59
Glaxo ADR	19	18
Goodrich (BF)	42	42
Goodyear Tire	67	67
Grace (W&R)	37	37
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	17	18
Halliburton	35	35
Heinz (HJ)	44	44
Hercules	69	69
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	73	74
Hilton Hotels	46	46
Home Depot	63	63
Homestake	12	12
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	64	65
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	76	75
Illinois Tool	73	72
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	34	34
Inland Steel	21	22
Intel Corp	115	116
IBM	54	54
Intl Flav & Fr	109	109
Intl Paper	64	64
James River Va	18	18
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	42
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	63	64
Kerr-McGee	45	46
Kimberly-Clark	55	56
Knight-Ridder	60	59
Lilly (Eli)	51	51
Limited Inc	25	25
Lin Brdcstng	83	82
Lincoln Nat	73	73
Litton	50	50
Liz Claiborne	34	34
Lockheed Corp	58	58
Louisiana Pac	71	72
MCI Commun	40	40
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	93	94
Martin Marietta	69	69
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	71	72
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	35	34
McDonalds	50	50
McDonnell D	53	52
McGraw Hill	59	58
Mead Corp	44	43
Medtronic	78	78
Mellon Bk	60	60
Melville Corp	48	48
Merck Inc	39	38
Merrill Lynch	68	68
Minnesota Mine	105	105
Mobil Corp	67	67
Monsanto	51	51
Morgan (JP)	66	65
Motorola Inc	57	58
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	10	11
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	34	34
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	38	38
Niag Mohawk	21	21
Nike B	72	72
NL Industries	4	5
Nordstrom	32	33
Norfolk Sthrn	63	64
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	46	46
Nynex Corp	90	91
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	24	24

	Mar 1 midday	Feb 26 close
Oracle Systems	32	32
Oryx Energy Co	20	20
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	66	66
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elec	35	35
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	48	48
Parker Hannifin	32	32
Penney JC	81	80
Pennzoil	57	57
Pepsico	37	39
Pfizer	59	59
Phelps Dodge	50	51
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	69	67
Phillips Pet	28	28
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	28	28
Price Co	34	33
Primerica	36	34
Procter & Gmbl	52	52
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	68	69
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	43	43
Raytheon	53	54
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	52	52
Roadway Srvcs	65	70
Rockwell Intl	28	29
Rohm & Haas	57	58
Royal Dutch	84	85
Rubbermaid	32	32
Safeco Corp	64	63
St Paul's Cos	77	77
Salomon Inc	40	40
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	29	29
Scecorp	47	48
Schering Plough	58	57
Schlumberger	59	59
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	25	25
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	51	50
Sherwin Wlims	32	32
Skyline Corp	22	21
Snap-On-Tools	33	33
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	74	74
Sprint Corp	28	28
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	46	46
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	19	18
Sysco Corp	25	24
TRW Inc	58	59
Tandem Comp	13	12
Tandy Corp	24	25
Telecom Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	48	48
Tenneco	47	46
Texaco	62	62
Texas Inst	56	56
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	42	43
Time Warner	34	34
Times-Mirror	33	34
Timken	29	29
Torchmark	60	60
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	26	26
Tribune	52	52
Tyco Labs	43	45
UAL Corp	116	119
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	19	19
Unilever NV	114	114
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	17	16
Union Pacific	58	58
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	39	40
US West	42	43
United Tech	45	44
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	29	28
VF Corp	50	50
Wal-Mart Stores	33	32
Warner-Lambert	67	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35	35
Wells Fargo	102	100
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	41
Whirlpool	49	49
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	68	68
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	32
Xerox	83	82

Fairbriar relisted after administration

By CARL MORTISHED

FAIRBRIAR, the housebuilder and commercial property developer that went into administration in 1991, has been relisted on the stock exchange after shareholders approved a voluntary arrangement in which Fairbriar's directors could end up with 49 per cent of the company.

Fairbriar is the first company to be relisted following an administration order. According to Terry Carter of Ernst & Young, joint administrator, the alternative was a liquidation in which the unsecured creditors would receive nothing. "We are saving the infrastructure of the company. I definitely believe it has got a future" he said. Fairbriar's shares stood at 7p following the relisting, valuing the company at £1.3 million.

Derek Hankinson and Kevin McCabe, new directors, are being issued 7.6 million shares at 1p each. The management will also receive share options that will lift their stake from 27 per cent to almost half of the company if they increase balance sheet reserves by £4 million. Fairbriar now has a net asset deficiency of about £9 million and £60 million borrowings. Unsecured creditors will receive £400,000, giving them about 2p in the pound in cash. In addition, they will be issued 3.5 million ordinary shares in exchange for their outstanding debts. The Bank of Scotland, the main secured creditor, will receive 4.1 million ordinary shares and 8.8 million convertible preference shares, which will be exchanged for deferred shares with no voting rights according to a formula linked to the repayment of loans to the bank. It is also extending further working capital facilities of £2.5 million.

Fairbriar shareholders also approved the sale of a freehold property in Surrey, to SPC, a company in which Kevin McCabe has an interest, for £8.5 million. The group's properties were valued at £52 million last March, and, according to the directors, would need to achieve a sales value of £69 million in order to increase shareholders' funds.

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Inflation eases in Germany

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

INFLATION eased fractionally in west Germany last month to give a year-on-year rate of 4.2 per cent, the Federal Statistics Office said. That was down on January's eight-month peak of 4.4 per cent, but still near the top end of most analysts' forecasts. The office said consumer prices rose by a preliminary 0.4 per cent last month.

Government health reforms introduced at the start of the year imposed mandatory rises in drug costs, and state-by-state figures show prices for healthcare and cosmetics rose between 1.4 and 1.8 per cent in the month to mid-February.

European stock markets climbed yesterday and the dollar retained a stronger tone on speculation that the Bundesbank might cut interest rates this week. But economists said the latest inflation data were likely to inject a note of caution.

Stefan Schneider, at Nomura Research, said: "It's certainly not an all-clear signal for the Bundesbank."

Carbon tax threat prompts price rise hint from Opec

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is hinting that it could levy higher prices to pre-empt new carbon taxes on oil by the West.

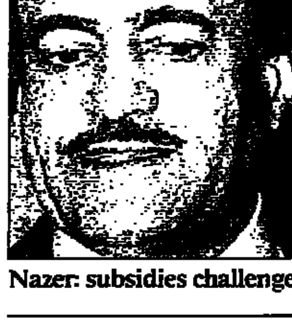
Such retaliation would require a policy shift by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

Western industry executives believe it conceivable but unlikely that the King would turn the tap down so hard on production as to deliver a 1970s-style "oil shock". But he probably did express concern over American proposals for an energy tax when Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, met him in Riyadh on February 21.

Opec's fear is that recession-hit governments in the European Community and Japan may follow the US lead and try to fill their empty coffers with new taxes on fuel. These can be sold to electorates as a way to help cut global warming.

Opec's warning shot was fired in an unsigned editorial in the February *OPEC Bulletin* published by its Vienna Secretariat. The editorial urged the 12 members to be zealous in honouring new output quotas, for if oil prices weakened "a carbon tax ... will be easier for consumer governments to impose."

Opec also envisioned higher US taxes eventually being levied than are now proposed by the Clinton administration. Once the tax was "an accepted part of the landscape the US can easily adjust it using the same convenient grounds of cutting the budget deficit," the Opec editorial said. "Emboldened by the Clinton move, the European Community will dust off its plans again for its own tax. Others may follow."


Nazer: subsidies challenge

Producers scorn the "green" case for such taxes as a cloak for a straight grab for more economic rent on the barrel. Hisham Nazer, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said: "What is needed is a holistic approach to the whole issue of the environment." If the West were really worried about CO2, he added, Japan and Germany would not subsidise their coal at up to $100 a tonne.

Taxes that would hit petroleum demand are an especially bitter blow to Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest producer, which has incurred the wrath of Opec "hawks" with a strategy of using its own production to keep a lid on oil prices.

They see that as their side of a bargain. They offer secure supply at stable prices. In return, they want consumers to promise them a market for their oil into the 21st century.

An energy tax therefore seems like a slap in the face and exposes the Saudis to Opec taunts of "I told you so".

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:			
Standard Chart	685p (+17p)	Cadbury Schweppes	484p (+15p)
Whitbread 'A'	469p (+10p)	Courts Furnishers	436p (+13p)
Sanderson Elec	252p (+18p)	SR Gent	60p (+8p)
Transfer Tech	449p (+24p)	Ash & Lacy	170p (+10p)
J Wilkes	66p (+18p)	Mitel	130p (+8p)
General Accident	595p (+26p)	FALLS:	
Sun Alliance	333p (+10p)	VSEL	595p (-10p)
BAT	964p (+16p)	Enterprise	469p (-7p)
THORN EMI	859p (+17p)	Dunhill	366p (-9p)
P&O	562p (+13p)	Hartstone	190p (-27p)
RMC Group	617p (+11p)	Misys	499p (-9p)
Redland	484p (+19p)		

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EBRD expects flow of funds to accelerate

By COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

ONLY 200 million ecus (£164 million) of a total E1.23 billion of finance approved last year by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for projects in the former Soviet bloc countries has been disbursed so far.

However, Anders Ljungh, the bank's vice-president for finance, foresees that the flow of funds will accelerate rapidly in coming months, with infrastructure schemes in Central Europe and the Balkans the main beneficiaries. Officials at the bank, which is based in London, commenting on the EBRD's first full-year results, indicated disappointment at the shortage of quality projects to back. The largest EBRD commitments so far have been made to Poland, with Hungary and Romania second and third. Although Russia is the biggest economy in the target region, it is only fifth in terms of EBRD commitments.

This year, the bank plans to approve about 100 new projects representing E2.6 billion of financing, which should allow other lenders to mobilise about E10 billion.

The bank made an operating profit of E3.9 million in 1992, but showed a net loss of E6 million after provisions. Mr Ljungh said the bank expected to go into the black by mid-decade.

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	67	...	ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
Merlin Intl Green Units	91	...	MMI n/p (7½)	6½	...
Motor World (210)	269	+3	Menvier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
New City & Com Inv Tst	87	+1	PizzaExpress n/p (40)	41	+4
New City & Com Wts	19	+1	Property Trust 10p (25)	21	...
RIGHTS ISSUES			SelecTV n/p (17)	1	...
Bellway n/p (320)	58	-1	Stonehill Holdings A n/p (10)	5	...
Bowater Units n/p (440)	83	+1	Triplex Lloyd n/p (140)	28	...
Comm Union n/p (490)	108	+24	Volex n/p (345)	55	-6
Howden Group n/p (52)	7	...	Wills Group n/p (16)	5¼	...
Kingfisher Units n/p (450)	95	...	Yorkshire Chems n/p (330)	40	...

BRITISH FUNDS

BOND markets across Europe were chased higher in anticipation of a cut in German interest rates later this week.

Prices rose a full point at the longer end and on the futures market, the June series of the long gilt advanced £⅞ to £106⁷⁄₃₂ after touching a high of £106¼. Dealers said the latest surge in bond prices also co-incided with moves by some economists to reduce their PSBR estimates.

But the Bank of England took advantage of the market's strength to step up the government's funding programme by issuing further tranches of existing stocks totalling £1 billion. They included £400 million of Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998, £250 million of Treasury 9¾ per cent 2002, £250 million of Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 and £100 million Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102	...	12.30	5.60
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	5.99	5.61
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	12.99	5.47
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	..	8.28	5.41
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	...	13.34	5.40
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.41	5.48
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	+	9.49	5.51
110	103	Exch 12¼% 1994	109	+	11.39	5.55
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	+	8.53	5.60
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	+	10.80	5.72
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	-	3.11	4.53
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.34	5.85
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	...	10.92	5.95
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.63	6.19
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	...	12.17	6.33
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.06	6.33
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.98	6.50
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.83	6.84
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.26	6.61
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	+	8.09	6.62
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	132	+	11.36	6.84
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	-	8.70	6.79
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102 †	...	7.14	6.58
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	...	6.71	6.47
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137 †	-	11.24	7.14
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	122	..	9.83	7.22
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.50	7.01
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	123 †	...	9.89	7.29
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.00	7.13
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	+	8.84	7.19
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	110 †	+	8.18	7.14
130	114	Treas 13% 2000	130	+	9.98	7.59
114	99	Treas 10% 2001	114	+	8.73	7.54
129	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-	10.84	7.21
113	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	113 †	+	8.60	7.72
52	46	Tr.. 8pc 2003	52	+	7.83	7.66

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
121	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	+	9.47	7.83
73	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+	4.75	6.85
111	96	Conv 9½% 2004	111	+	8.55	8.00
111	96	Conv 9½% 2005	111	+	8.55	8.02
130	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	+1	9.58	8.15
100	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	+	7.95	7.95
124	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124	+	9.45	8.10
103	89	Treas 8½% 2007	103	+	8.25	8.13
138	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138 †	+1	9.76	8.14
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
106	93	Treas 9% 2008	106	+	8.42	8.19
97	85	Treas 8% 2009	97	+	8.19	8.24
106	93	Conv 9% 2011	106	+	8.49	8.33
105	93	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.50	8.30
74	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74 †	+	7.38	8.10
95	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	+	8.14	8.22
133	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+	9.02	8.55
103	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	+	8.94	8.42
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	46	-	8.58	...
41	35	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.50	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	62 †	+1	5.59	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.11	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.50	...
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133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	+	...	0.68
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	+	1.41	2.15
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	1.99	2.56
165	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165 †	+	2.63	2.97
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	2.80	3.08
110	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	+	2.90	3.19
167	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.01	3.23
151	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+	3.21	3.41
156	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.28	3.47
128	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.35	3.51
136	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136	+	3.42	3.58
130	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.49	3.63
108	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108	+	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Cullen Construction (South East) Ltd
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 5th March 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 4th March 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
David Cullen, Director.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AUMANN U.K. LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Birmingham Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH on 26th March 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 19th February 1993
By order of the Board
K. Moser, Director.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
216 LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2166412
Former company name: Caternest. Nature of business: Property Dealers. Trade classification: 36. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8th February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Mansfield Sand Co. Ltd. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 2308 & 6829) of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

Malcolm Macleod & Co Limited
(In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 95 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 8 March 1993 at 11.00 am.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 4 March 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
EDS Kirker, Liquidator

No 00224 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HARDY OIL & GAS (UK) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 10th February 1993 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above named company from £93,000,000 to £73,471,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the company the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 28th February 1993.
Dated this 1st day of March 1993.
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HA
Solicitors for the company
Ref. MJS/0446K

SUTTON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2719719. Former company name: Flyforce Limited. Nature of business: General Merchants. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 15th February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829) of Booth White 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of DATAFLEX SERVICES LTD
Notice is hereby given that OCA Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH, was appointed Liquidator of the above companies on 22nd February 1993.
OCA Morphitis, Liquidator

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
AIR DIVING SERVICES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2175626
Registered in England
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR on Wednesday, 10 March 1993 at 3.00 p.m., for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 of the said Act, viz:
a) To have laid before it the Joint Administrative Receivers' Report of the administration of the Receivership.
b) If thought fit, to establish a Creditors' Committee.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their Proof of Debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the Offices of Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, no later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 9th March 1993. A Form of Proxy is enclosed.
Proof of Debt may be lodged by submitting a written statement of claim, clearly setting out the name and address of the Creditor, and the amount claimed.
Unless they surrender their security, Secured Creditors must give particulars of their security and its value, if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
Simon G Paterson
Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
LOMASPS LIMITED
(Formerly Programme Sales International Limited)
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Lomasps Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, 14 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ on the 15th day of March 1993 at 12.00 noon. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Administrative Receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 24th day of February 1993.
AV Lomas,
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
LIMEHOUSE TELEVISION LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Limehouse Television Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, 14 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ on the 15th day of March 1993 at 11.00 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Administrative Receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 24th day of February 1993.
AV Lomas,
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
LOMASCP LIMITED (Formerly Cheerleader Productions Limited)
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Lomascp Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, 14 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ on the 15th day of March 1993 at 12.00 noon. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Administrative Receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 24th day of February 1993.
AV Lomas,
Joint Administrative Receiver

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
TRILION PLC
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Trilion Plc will be held at Price Waterhouse, 14 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ on the 15th day of March 1993 at 10.00 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Administrative Receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 24th day of February 1993
AV Lomas,
Joint Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
HEATH CONSTRUCTION (ST ALBANS) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 25th January 1993.
Dated this 25th day of February 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - David Thomas Scholarship, Avon
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference number JEM/180277 CD(T1).

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Japanese find room for more luxury in London

Owners of The Regent, the capital's newest five-star hotel, are confident their project will thrive in a difficult market, writes Robin Young



Rooms with a view: guests can look out over the Regent's winter garden, with its 40ft palm trees

London has a new five-star hotel. The Regent, formally opened for business on February 20. Its owners, the Japanese Hazama Corporation, have spent £75 million on refurbishing what was once the Great Central Hotel and later the headquarters of British Rail.

The investment, the biggest since Ladbroke lavished £125 million on the Langham Hilton, may seem untimely while there are plenty of first-class hotel rooms empty every night in London. But Wolfgang Nitschke, the new hotel's general manager, is coolly optimistic after three-and-a-half years in situ, during which the London hotel economy went from boom to near-bust while his project was but a worksite.

The hotel building was bought by a Japanese development company in 1986. Partly because of its status as a grade II listed building, construction work, contracted for at the top of the market, could not begin until 1989.

The building start was swiftly followed by economic troubles and the collapse of the stock market in Japan. By 1991, the developers had run out of steam. Ritz Carlton, which was intended to manage the hotel under the name of The Windsor, beat a retreat. Hazama Corporation (UK), the English arm of Hazama, which is one of the world's largest civil engineering companies and built the biggest undersea tunnel in the world, was obliged to step in to safeguard its contract as the construction company, and recruited Regent International Hotels, originally a Hong Kong company, but now wholly owned by the Canadian Four-Seasons group, as its management.

Mr Nitschke is aiming for no more than 55 per cent occupancy in the first year at his hotel in Marylebone Road. "It is no good making wildly ambitious projections," he said. "You have to start with a completely realistic business plan, and in present circumstances I judge that 55 per cent is what we can expect to achieve." That means he will also start with a staff of only 300. A full establishment for the 309-room hotel would be 400 or more. "As things develop and we see how we go, we will move toward 400 in the course of the year," Mr Nitschke says.

The hotel is being launched with opening offer rates that effectively constitute a 30 per cent discount. That makes the standard room £126 a night, 47 junior suites £227 each, and full suites £560, with VAT to add in each case. The introductory rates will apply until the end of April. After that, Mr Nitschke says, discounting will be limited to the ordinary practice of allowing corporate rates to frequent users according to the volume of business they bring.

Deep discounting, and tales during the Gulf war of travellers naming their own price for hotel rooms, is itself discounted now, Geoffrey Parkinson, senior director at Horwath Consulting, the industry analyst, says hoteliers' prospects have been wholly changed since Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism. "In September last year, there were more than $2 to the pound. Today, it is about $1.45 or even less. That has to make a difference to Americans coming here, and of course to Britons who may have been thinking of going to Florida."

Regent's one previous foray into the London hotel market must encourage Hazama. Mr Nitschke was general manager of the Dorchester on Park Lane while it was in Regent's management in the mid-1980s. The management went into the Dorchester inheriting an achieved room rate (the hotel industry's standard of economic performance, gauging the average amount of money actually received per room per night) of £96. By the time it left, the achieved room rate had been pushed up to £196.

The Dorchester's consortium of owners, which had bought the Dorchester for £42 million, doubled its money in less than six months, and though the Sultan of Brunei's purchase was described at the time as "an offer they could not refuse", the probability is that if the bankers could have been persuaded to wait a little longer, the profit would have been even bigger.

Hoteliers' prospects have been transformed since Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism

The restored Great Central is a magnificent hotel. All the rooms surround a central atrium, and have an outside view or open on to a central winter garden in which the 40ft palms, though exhibiting every semblance of life, are reconstructions of real trees built on to metal cores. The Great Central was conceived by Sir Edward Watkins, a Victorian entrepreneur whose intention was to link his Great Central Railway to Europe via the Channel tunnel. Unfortunately, the Great Central Railway Company fared even worse than the would-be Japanese developers of the 1980s, running out of money before work on the hotel had begun.

Robert William Edis, the architect, eventually built the hotel for a consortium headed by Sir John Blundell Maple, chairman of Maple's, the furniture company, and it opened in 1899 as the last and grandest of the great Victorian railway hotels, but its heyday lasted only until the Great War, when it was requisitioned as a convalescent home for officers. In the inter-war years, it adapted to changed times with a dance floor in the winter garden and a cocktail bar in the reading room. But in the second world war, it was requisitioned again, as a transit station for troops, and after that was turned over to offices.

Now the hotel will be reconnected with the station by a canopied walkway. There are, though, no plans to restore the wooden cycle track that once encircled the hotel roof. There is a health club with a 15-metre pool downstairs.

Hoteliers believe that location is nine points of the law. While Marylebone Road, often traffic-clogged, may seem an unlikely place to wish to site a hotel, Park Lane is a six-lane freeway that is lined with luxury hotels.

Mr Nitschke believes there are tangible advantages to his situation in a landmark building, within reach of the City, the West End and the north London railway stations. There is also the prospect of improved links to Heathrow in 1995 when the West London station opens. He inspected St George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner, now Rosewood's Lanesborough Hotel, for Regent, and rejected that on grounds of size and location.

What made him go for the old Great Central? "There is no real competition in the area," he said. "We have up to a dozen large corporate headquarters within a few minutes distance, and there was really no hotel for them. We are poised to become their hotel of choice. We have already had functions for an association of incentive travel organisers, and for De Beers, I think both were a great success."

TEMPUS

Unnatural Gas

IN ITS submission to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Ofgas has clearly displayed its allegiance to the consumer instead of the investor. A demerger of British Gas into 12 regional companies, as well as an exploration and production company and a supply business, may improve competition. But it would leave the millions of small shareholders, who bought 100 shares in the privatisation with 14 shareholdings, many worth less than £10.

The City does not believe that such a demerger is likely or feasible. The 12 companies would be likely to be capitalised at an average of £400 million each, with the smaller ones worth as little as £250 million. They would not have the financial power to negotiate generous terms from the powerful gas producers, particularly since it would be hazardous for any of the regions to sign long-term contracts.

British Gas yesterday decided to concentrate its robust defence as a national gas retailer. The company hardly mentioned its production and supply businesses. The group has already sacrificed the latter. The demerger is expected to occur this autumn with an estimated stock market value of £6 billion, even assuming a small discount to net assets.

The group may believe there is little sense in retaining its upstream activities without the synergies between production and supply. A British Gas E&P business would be worth about £3 billion, or £1 billion more if the group's oil and overseas interests are included. This should be the sacrifice the group offers to the MMC.

Airtours

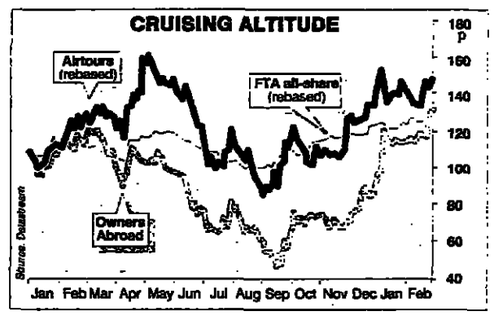
THERE appears to be little scientific methodology behind the valuation, so it is difficult to fathom whether Airtours' increased bid fairly and fully values Owners Abroad. Asset valuations of a tour operator are meaningless and Airtours will not reveal its estimates of the cost savings of the combined group.

A prospective exit p/e ratio of less than 12 does not look expensive in market terms, but tour operators always trade at a discount to the market, up to 70 per cent in Owners Abroad's case, because of earnings volatility.

None of this has deterred the market, which clearly believes Airtours has done enough. At 135p per ordinary share, the offer is not an immediate knockout blow — 145p might have been — but it has sent the opponent reeling.

Airtours had barely finished announcing the new terms of the substantially improved offer before Owners Abroad rejected it. This either suggests the board is considering a more generous counter-bid or, more likely, that its response was instinctive. The intentions of Thomas Cook and LTU, which hold 10 per cent of Owners Abroad, are still uncertain but a full bid is highly unlikely. German companies are not known for entering contested bids and LTU is unlikely to intervene so late.

The affair looks all over bar the shouting. It is just a pity there had to be so much shouting.



Insolvency

FAIRBRIAR'S historic return to the stock market after surviving an administration order will hearten many shareholders who are similarly locked into insolvent companies. After almost seven years, the 1986 Insolvency Act has achieved what it was intended to do.

The amount of work that went into the administration, however, suggests this is unlikely to be the start of the trend. All Fairbriar's creditors had to suffer substantial financial losses, except Customs & Excise who demanded full repayment. The company was only saved because it was so insolvent that the creditors, including the banks, were forced to pull together to recover even a fraction of their losses from a collection of property assets whose value was doubtful to say the least. The plans were almost upset when the Inland Revenue voted against them but failed to muster enough votes.

The market was so enthusiastic about Fairbriar's resurrection that it marked the shares down only 1p from their pre-suspension price of 8p. Shareholders should take advantage of that price. The reconstruction has left the company with net liabilities of £9 million, while the various issues of shares and options will dilute existing shareholders to 15 per cent of the equity. Fairbriar's creditors converted their debts into equity at 1p a share. That is a more realistic value.

Tate & Lyle

THE departure of Stephen Brown as Tate & Lyle chief executive does not leave a vacuum at the top, compared with the resignation of, say, David Dworkin from Storehouse. Mr Brown had been there for little more than a year and the real architect of Tate & Lyle's recovery was Neil Shaw, who is becoming executive chairman.

However, it is always unsettling when a senior director leaves, particularly after such a short period of time. There is a dangerously thin line between a "cultural clash" and a refusal of an established clique to accept new ideas. The line may not have been crossed on this occasion, but Mr Brown's resignation raises questions about corporate governance. Mr Shaw extolled the virtues of splitting the roles of chairman and chief executive in 1991. He must now tolerate questions about the extension of his role and the absence of a successor to Mr Brown.

Money supply

THE M0 figures for February prove that the sharp rise in cash and banknote circulation at the start of the year was not a temporary phenomenon. The three-month annualised growth in M0 is 7.9 per cent, one of the highest rates since the eighties.

M0 comprises less than 4 per cent of M4's total, but its movements have often predicted M4's behaviour. If that happens, the inflationary signals will be indisputable.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Curse of the insolvency poem

PUBLICATION of *Insolvency Week*, an ambitious poem about the stock market crash, recession and recovery, was halted at the last minute when the poem's co-publisher declared itself insolvent. Paul Ham's poem would have been published yesterday, were it not for Worcestershire's Self-Publishing Association's determination to behave consistently with its author's theme. It went into voluntary liquidation last Friday. The 200-page poem, written in heroic couplets of iambic pentameter, tells the story of a billionaire Australian media tycoon (Brazen Blue) who attempts to buy Dunmere Holdings (a British family owned newspaper company). The tycoon's takeover attempt is foiled by reporters on *Insolvency Week*, a trade magazine for British bankrupts, whose findings spark the most terrifying stock market crash in history. Tony Harold, a director of the insolvent publisher, insists: "We blame *Insolvency Week* for our troubles." He alluded to the possibility that the title may have put a "curse" on the company.

Fond farewells

LEADING lights of British industry crowded into the Old Vic yesterday for a lunchtime memorial performance of music and verse to celebrate the lives of David Kay and his wife, Margaret, who were tragically killed in an aeroplane crash before Christmas. Mr Kay, a founder of Goddard Kay Rogers, the headhunting firm, had also been a director of the famous theatre, as well as the English Shakespeare Company and the British American Drama Association. Derek Jacobi, who performed a selection of the Kays' favourite poems and plays alongside Timothy West, Maria Aitken, Michael Burrell, Isla Blair and Alan Oke, the tenor, praised his old friend's love of the theatre and his "how shall I put it — sensitive criticism of my work". He later assured the assembled guests — among them Lord Howe, Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, Brian Pitman, Martin Boase, Richard Gamble and Peter Davis — that nothing would have pleased David and Margaret more than their indulgence in a glass of champagne.

In step

A CHORUS line of brokers, bankers and barristers were last night following in the footsteps of Charles McLeod-Matthews, a German equities salesman at Panmure Gordon, as they took their first dancing lessons in aid of Children Nationwide, the medical research charity. An agile McLeod-Matthews, 34, who featured recently in *Esquire* and the *Evening Standard* as one of Britain's most eligible bachelors, was on the Battersea Town Hall stage demonstrating the "LeRoc French Jive" to the unlikely dance students with the help of Christine Keeble, an instructor, who is donating her fees to the charity. About 120 people from Lazards, UBS, JP Morgan, Peat Marwick and others are expected to raise more than £20,000 by enrolling in the six-week course, being held on Monday nights. The course has been organised by Francesca MacArthur, the charity's fund director and a former Lazard corporate financier.



"What sort or gas do you fancy today, dearest?"

Standing room

TRAFALGAR House appears to have adopted an unusual interpretation of the golden rule that shareholders always come first. After a frosty reception at January's annual meeting, when small shareholders tried to oust Touche Ross as auditors, besieged management must have had an inkling that at least some of them would turn up at yesterday's special meeting to vote on the QE2-to-Ritz hotel group's £204.5 million rights issue. Apparently, priority was reserved only for those shareholders who were first to arrive. Those of the 150 who did not manage to cram inside the pokey confines of the Insurance Hall, Aldermanbury, London, were left standing — and grumbling — at the door like fans at a football match who are struggling to follow the action.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

ICI could benefit from Hanson help

From Mr William Feeley

Sir, There is no doubt many shareholders and members of the board of ICI who now regret rejecting out of hand the expert help available to them when Hanson plc acquired a stake in ICI.

It appears that the board of ICI requires the expertise of Lord Hanson to guide it during the demerger upon which it is about to embark. He, at least, would possess the skill, and will, to introduce the changes which the ICI board is attempting in a reluctant manner.

There have been some fine large manufacturing companies in the North East that because of their unwillingness to change have eventually withered. Let us hope that ICI is not heading in this direction.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM FEELEY,
Moor Lodge,
81 Montagu Avenue,
Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Force behind ICI demerger was overlooked

From Mr David R. Sadtler

Sir, Your comment on the ICI demerger in Tempus and elsewhere (February 26) overlook the fundamental driving force behind it.

Our research at the Ashridge Strategic Management Centre demonstrates that corporate centres of multi-business companies must not only add value in excess of their cost to each business in their portfolios, but they must add more value than other prospective "parents". Otherwise, the market will conclude that the inadequately parented business is competitively disadvantaged by its current ownership and mark down the whole enterprise accordingly. In extremis, breakup bidders are attracted.

The people at the centre need the skills, the experience, the management systems, and even the "feel" for the business that are as good as anyone's. When the markets decide that such is not the case — that ICI can't add as much value to Zeneca as Merck or SmithKline Beecham or Glaxo — then the case for demerger eventually becomes apparent.

If another drug giant is seen to be a better parent than the public market sufficient to justify a takeover premium, Zeneca will wind up as part of an even larger global pharmaceutical company. Financial engineering is a mechanism, not a rationale. The point is whether the management fundamentals are in place.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID R. SADTLER,
150 Regent Street, W1.

Gas prayer

From Mr Montague Calman

Sir, Mr Therm may be dead but there is lurking at British Gas a bubbly figure still. Complaining to a senior executive about some gas-meter reading fiasco, I received the delightful answer:

PRAYER

"Our customer, who art infuriated
Shallow be thy rage
Our face is red, thy meter be read
On time, not behind, nor ahead
Give us this day our natural gas
And forgive our wrongdoings
As we forgive them who do wrong us
Lead us not further into regulation
And deliver us from torment
For thine is our reason, and our mission and our focus
For ever, and ever — Amen".

Yours truly,
MONTAGUE CALMAN,
1E Carlisle Place,
Westminster,
SW1.

Promoting share ownership

From Mr Tony Drury

Sir, Whilst Graham Searjeant covers fully the reasons why many companies neither encourage nor have the shareholder base that we would wish (February 24), may I please offer one further thought.

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Short-term political fix is not answer for coal, Clarke says

By Ross Tieman and Jill Sherman

■ The government must do more to expand the market for coal than simply put pressure on potential customers, with longer-term contracts put in place

PRIVATISATION of British Coal may be impossible unless the government tackles the fundamental problems behind the corporation's threat to close 31 pits with the loss of 30,000 jobs, Neil Clarke, the chairman, said.

In a frank warning to ministers, still struggling to resolve the hiatus over the future of Britain's coal industry, Mr Clarke explicity counselled against the temptation to engage in a short-term political fix. That would leave the industry facing "a further contractual cliff edge" in 1998, he said. But Mr Clarke offered a way out of the coal mines problem that has dogged Conservative governments — in exchange for a final round of restructuring.

His intervention came amid growing evidence that the government's coal white paper is likely to be delayed until after the Budget.

Under ministerial arm-twisting, National Power and PowerGen, the two big generators in England and Wales, have offered to buy an extra 40 million tonnes of coal in addition to the 160 million tonnes of purchases from British Coal already negotiated for the five years to 1998. They are also prepared to accept extra deliveries, provided British Coal, or the government, takes the commercial risk that the coal will not be burnt. Under the proposals offered by the generators, subsidies of up to £500 million could be needed to cover the difference between British Coal's prices and those of import alternatives.

Faced with the generators' refusal to make further concessions, ministers are having difficulty agreeing a solution that will save sufficient pits to be acceptable to their own backbenchers.

It is into this debate that Mr Clarke lobbed his contribution yesterday. In a speech to the Coal Industry Society in London, he insisted that the government must do more to expand coal's market than simply strong-arm its customers.

Raising the spectre of further coal crises in the future, Mr Clarke explicitly warned against creation of "an artificial but not sustainable demand for coal". Unless longer-term contracts were put in place, he said, "the end of the five-year contract period would almost certainly see further intense pressure on our collieries".

Three other elements must be put in place by ministers, Mr Clarke said. The government must repair the faults of an "imperfect" electricity market, for "if the current market is a level playing field, we must be in the Himalayas".

In addition, any subsidy should be matched by measures to allow British Coal to make more flexible use of labour. "If we are left to cope with the present legislation, on working practices it will be like attempting to climb Everest with equipment designed for the first half of this century."

☐ A campaign by bulk electricity users to escape payment of "uplift" service charges in the power "pool" or spot market has been given a boost by the pool's executive committee, which has ruled that ICI need not pay it for supplies from a new power station nearing completion alongside its Wilton works on Teesside.



Burning issues: Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, wants to avoid a further contractual cliff edge in 1998

Bid target Brabant unveils a profit

Results from Brabant Resources, the oil and gas exploration company, delayed when it became the target of a hostile bid, show that it has returned to profit. Brabant made £366,000 before tax in the year to December (£4.8m loss). There is no dividend.

The results were due on February 10, the day after Aberdeen Petroleum launched an all-paper £6.5 million bid. Malcolm Butler, Brabant managing director, says the delayed figures are not part of the bid defence. Nigel Swiffen, chairman, said that last year Brabant "significantly increased" its oil and gas reserves. Late 1993 and the whole of 1994 should see the company involved in an active drilling programme in the North Sea and onshore.

Greencore halt

Confusion over the intentions of the Irish government has led to a 48-hour suspension of shares in Greencore, formerly known as Irish Sugar, at 245p. Weekend reports suggested that Dublin was about to sell its remaining 30 per cent stake. The Irish government sold 15 per cent to the Investment Bank of Ireland in February last year.

Bid message

McLeod Russel will not increase its £12.6 million offer for Wheway, the mechanical engineering group, unless there is a rival bid. McLeod is offering one share for 10 Wheway. McLeod said it had bought a 7.4 per cent stake.

Sell-off agreed

Charter Consolidated shareholders yesterday voted approval for the sale of the group's 38.3 per cent stake in Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group.

Allen buys

Allen, the property group, has acquired Hire-a-Tool for an undisclosed sum in cash and loan notes.

Thomson and Short form new company

By Our City Staff

SHORT Brothers has launched a joint venture company with Thomson-CSF, the French electronics firm, which is expected to boost worldwide exports.

The new company, with an annual turnover of £150 million, combines the Belfast firm's missiles business with Thomson's electronic systems expertise in very short-range air defence systems.

Short said it would be able to offer complete short-range air defence systems integrating missiles, radars and other electronic systems.

The 1,000 employees involved in missiles work at the Belfast plant will transfer to the new company.

ASW falls £10.8m into red

By Colin Narbrough

ASW Holdings, Britain's biggest steelmaker after British Steel, suffered a pre-tax loss of £10.8 million last year, after a £2.3 million profit in 1991, but is already starting to benefit from the restoration of margins in Europe.

In what was a difficult year for the European steel industry, ASW, based in Cardiff, reported an operating loss of £4.1 million, against a £1.8 million operating profit.

Allowing for £4.6 million of provisions for restructuring costs, the 1992 figures look much better. This enabled ASW, citing its "strong competitive position and the gradual change to a more favourable outlook" to recommend a final dividend of 3p, making a total of 6p.

Alan Cox, the chief executive, said the international scrap cycle had been pointing to a recovery in steel prices since the end of last year, and he expects the 15 to 20 per cent price increases announced for this spring to stick.


Cox: cost base improving

On the European Commission plan for massive capacity cuts in steel capacity in the next three years, Mr Cox was categoric: ASW has carried out all its capacity and is now the lowest cost producer in Europe. ASW's total operating profit fell £5.9 million last year, after a £37.8 million fall the previous year, a reflection of lower prices and margins across Europe. Adjusted for raw material costs, steel prices in the past two years have been below their 1982 level.

Mr Cox said ASW had continued to improve its cost base, with productivity up 15 per cent last year.

Mr Cox said ASW was looking for "alliances" with other companies.

'Satisfactory' advance for Repsol

From Reuter in Madrid

REPSOL, the Spanish oil and gas company, said a small rise in 1992 profits can be considered highly satisfactory in the light of general industry trends. It was helped by cost-cutting investments bearing fruit.

The company earlier reported a 1.8 per cent rise in group after-tax profit to 71.43 billion pesetas (£412 million), although operating profit fell 7.2 per cent to Pta119.79 billion. Repsol said the group ended 1992 with a labour force of 19,632 compared with 21,627 at end-1991.

The worst performance was seen in chemical activities, which produced an operating loss of Pta7.99 billion (Pta1.24 billion profit). Repsol continues to review rationalisation plans for the sector.

Exploration and production showed an Pta18.61 billion profit, up 77 per cent, reflecting exploration success, higher output and better unit production costs. Output rose 20 per cent to 11.2 million tonnes equivalent of oil.

Refining and marketing showed an operating profit of Pta86.59 billion, down from Pta103.49 billion. Gas operations showed a 51 per cent rise in profit to Pta23.84 billion, thanks to improved margins on liquid petroleum gas. Investments in exploration and production came to Pta49.25 billion.

Japan's big brokerages braced for losses

From Reuter in Tokyo

SLUMPING turnover and stagnant share prices could force almost all Japanese brokerages into the red in the year to March 31. The sluggish stock market has hit earnings hard, and turnover has fallen again this year.

Daiwa, Nomura, Nikko and Yamaichi, the Big Four, are likely later this month to announce revised forecasts for 1992-3 to reflect expected parent current losses, industry sources said. *Yomiuri Shimbun*, the Japanese daily, said the top 25 listed brokerages, with the exception of Meiko Securities, will probably post losses. Nomura may see losses of 15 billion yen (£90 million), Daiwa 18 billion yen, Nikko 13 billion yen and Yamaichi 45 billion yen.

Japanese brokers are suffering from a three-year bear market, which analysts say could rival the 1965 depression that prompted a huge shakeout in the securities industry. But Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi spokesmen said their firms have not revised the forecasts they issued in November. At that time, all of the Big Four said they expected to be in the black at current profit levels, although all but Daiwa said they expected zero net profit. Current profit is pre-tax but includes gains and losses made on securities investments and other non-operating activities. Second-tier brokerages have already forecast current losses for 1992-3.

Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards voting deadline

VOTING closes this week in the Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, held in association with *The Times*. The deadline is March 5, with the final voting coupon published today (Martin Barrow writes).

Votes will be cast in the categories of company of the year, entrepreneur of the year and new company of the year.

The awards will be presented at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, on March 11, when the guest speaker will be Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary.

Nominations for company of the year are Halma, Huntleigh Technology, Hicking Pentecost, Setor Healthcare, Sherwood Group and Sidlaw. The new company list comprises Dorling Kindersley, Taunton Cider, Forth Ports and JD Wetherspoon.

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252	103	Crown Eyes	140	+10	...	5.7	6.5
111	65	Daily Mirror Ind	100	-1	...	...	16.2
57	27½	Dawtrey (D)	38	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	225	+5	6.0	3.6	26.2
495	293	Dunhill	386	-9	7.7	2.8	22.7
30	12½	ERA Gp	13	-1	...	...	6.0
780	480	Ely (Wilkinhall)	685	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
115	30½	Essex Pork	114	+1	...	1.3	16.0
199	119	Etam	195	...	6.6	3.9	20.2
558	345	Fine Art Dev	544	-2	11.0	2.7	23.9
80	26	Fred Bunh Tiles	42	...	4.6	...	30.7
458	358	Formtracer	458	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
41	5	French Conn◆	6	...	...	...	...
71	21	Gabbitas◆	38	+1	...	7.0	7.9
80	39	Gent SR	60	+1	2.0	4.4	17.6
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	38	...	...	1.5	...
1800	1010	Gus	1800	+20	...	2.1	21.5
1728	1379	do 'A'	1692	+20	40.0	5.2	13.4
75	30	Hampden Grps	38	...	...	7.6	5.0
253	223	Harrisons	198	-20	4.8	2.4	11.6
95	46	Hedges Plc	46	...	11.3	11.3	...
25	15	Heritage◆	25	+½	...	...	...
35	25	Honeywoodfile◆	31	...	...	...	...
180	130	Ite of Leroze	157	...	...	10.3	10.0
48	40	Jacques Vert	46	...	2.0	4.3	...
297	207	Kingfisher	296	+2	...	2.3	16.4
74	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	71	...	4.0	7.5	...
685	485	Liberty	668	...	7.3	1.5	14.5
573	362	Lloyds Chem	573	...	9.0	2.3	20.4
152	90	M&M	127	+3	3.9	3.9	16.9
398	268	Marks Spencer	393	+3	7.1	2.8	20.3
490	319	Mauricio (John)	487	-1	10.6	2.9	15.5
180	110	Moss Bros	175	...	4.6	2.7	14.1
160	110	Next	157	...	4.0	2.7	14.5
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	...	1.0	...
210	150	Oriflame Int	210	+1	...	...	11.1
143	43	Peotex	143	...	...	1.7	5.8
278	202	QS Fittings	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.3
27	11	Ramsay Group	17	...	...	2.4	18.8
38	16	Rhino Grps◆	19	...	...	...	...
109	68	Sherwood Gp	68	+2	...	...	...
115	54	Sketchley	109	+4	...	4.7	27.5
457	357	Smith WH 'A'	419	+4	13.4	4.3	14.8
8	5	Specialeyes◆	8	...	...	...	...
219	87	Stanshawe	158	+1	5.0	3.6	...
256	153	T & S Stores	175	+1	5.5	4.3	11.1
1858	1250	The Sock	1825	...	42.5	2.3	...
153	77	Time Products	138	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
95	47	Usher (Frankie◆	95 †	+5½	...	7.0	7.5
38	23	Vivat	33	+1	...	...	6.8
68	38	Wenmarie◆	68	...	...	...	...
104	53	Wickes	90	+1	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leathers	58	...	...	3.1	17.7
202½	159	Wyevale	159	...	...	...	2.7
7	2½	Zint-Hiehn	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

103	45	Ali Elec	66	...	...	...	...
192	128	ACT Group	171	-3	4.5	3.5	16.8
238	195	Acts	238	...	...	3.3	18.9
162½	6	Acorn Comps◆	150	+9	...	...	...
480	259	Admiral	454	...	5.4	1.6	...
191	94	Alba	187	...	4.7	3.7	15.6
7	2	Alphameric	3½	...	...	...	...
29	19	Amstrad	28†	½	0.4	...	...
141	83	Asp Robo◆	121	...	...	...	...
22	12	Atlas	14	...	...	...	...
12	5	Atlas	5½	...	...	...	...
240	140	Beales Hunter	240	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
9	3½	Bennett S Found	5½	...	...	...	...
207	107	BICC	193	+8	10.2	7.7	19.4
515	314	Blick	326†	...	9.2	2.8	20.6
1180	1180	Borlands◆	1180	...	...	...	...
288	208	Bowthorpe	425	+2	6.0	1.4	18.7
439½	350	BT	425½	+5½	14.4	4.5	15.8
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8	...	0.1	1.6	...
80	50	Burnfield	130	+4	...	5.9	18.7
489	239	Cable Wireless	238	+5	13.2	2.4	22.8
14½	4	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
82	62	Clarke T	82	...	6.5	10.8	11.8
205	140	CML Micros◆	200	+1	...	2.4	16.5
68	48	Comptr People	68	...	5.4	...	15.6
60	40½	Cray Elect	50	...	...	0.5	11.0
231	150	Cubitley	231	...	...	2.6	21.8
308	191	Delta	432	+1	14.0	4.5	17.1
169	118	Dowmunt Elec	167	...	...	2.7	...
695	395	Domino	695	+5	7.2	1.0	20.7
68	43	Dowding Mills	54	+1	3.5	6.5	11.8
1050	750	Dwnstr	1000	+8	...	1.5	23.7
1035	775	Electrocomponts	983	+8	7.0	2.4	20.7
295	206	El Data Plc	515†	-17	5.1	1.3	14.1
565	286	Electron House	65	...	...	2.3	4.7
75	28	Emess	75	...	...	1.0	...
573	382	Farnell Elect	527	...	8.0	2.0	24.0
152	90	Ferranti	122	-1	2.3	3.5	23.6
391	227	Filtrol Elec	360	+3	5.8	2.1	19.6
45	18	Fordbatch◆	35	...	...	...	...
178	30	Fremond	178	...	...	...	...
30	16	Flat Tech	19	...	...	...	...
16	8	Hahn Grps◆	14	...	...	...	...
180	130	Sherwood Gp	180	+2	...	...	...
115	54	Sinclair	115	...	...	4.7	27.5
357	219	Smiths Ind	357	...	...	6.5	18.3
8	3	Specialeyes◆	8	...	...	...	...
219	87	Stanshawe	158	+1	5.0	3.6	...
256	153	T & S Stores	175	+1	5.5	4.3	11.1
1858	1250	The Sock	1825	...	42.5	2.3	...
153	77	Time Products	138	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
95	47	Usher (Frankie◆	95 †	+5½	...	7.0	7.5
38	23	Vivat	33	+1	...	...	...
68	38	Wenmarie◆	68	...	...	...	6.8
104	53	Wickes	90	+1	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leathers	58	...	...	3.1	17.7
202½	159	Wyevale	159	...	...	...	2.7
7	2½	Zint-Hiehn	2½	...	...	...	...

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

403	269	Abbey Nat	397	-1	10.5	3.5	13.2
206	154	Allied Irish	206	+4	...	5.5	12.5
197½	126	Amt Nmr 2	197	+1	...	5.4	...
3750½	1900½	Bankamerica	2675 †	-81½	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	205	...	...	5.8	32.4
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	335	...	12.0	2.3	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	139½	+½	4.3	2.3	21.5
464	274	Barclays	425	+1	21.1	6.6	...
6	1½	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	78	Brown Shipley	96	...	...	...	...
21	10	Cariole	17½	...	...	...	...
464	250	Cater Allen	459	...	20.0	7.6	...
109	61	Cedes	107	...	3.8	4.7	15.6
2225	912½	Chase Manh	2195½	...	...	...	...
1850	537½	Chicorp	1845½	...	...	...	...
330	205	Close Bros	315	+5	9.3	3.6	14.9
1119½	8687½	Commercbk	11199½	+175	...	2.3	...
1289	1214	Deutsche Bk	1289	+200	...	2.1	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	78½	...	...	...	...
1104	498	Fuji Bank †	1025	-10	...	0.5	58.2
425	230	Gerrard Nat	425	...	...	22.0	6.6
296	216	HSBC	601	...	...	3.3	24.7
391	313	HSBC HK	385	-2½	...	2.4	24.0
318	202	Hambros	316	+3	13.6	5.6	14.0
263	208	Joseph (L)	258	...	6.0	3.6	...
561	394	King Shaxson	179	...	5.0	5.6	...
388	212	Kleinwort Ben	385 †	+10½	16.0	5.5	...
573	346	Lloyds	528	+9	...	4.6	7.4
79	49	Lon Scot Bk	78½	...	3.0	3.1	15.6
412	258	Mit-Asst Bk	412	-15	...	4.9	14.3
486	251	Nat West	438 †	+3½	...	5.3	60.6
819	418	Provident	773 †	-2	28.5	4.9	...
46	25	Ren Bk Scot	46	+1	0.5	1.4	...
251	157	Ryl Bk Scot	240	+1	8.8	4.6	...
1588	1043	Schroders	1588	+17	20.0	3.9	17.7
685	364	Stand Chart	685	+17	20.0	3.9	17.7
179½	115	TSB	173	+1	6.4	4.9	...
200	38	Union Disc	115	...	13.5	...	...
635	403	Warburg SG	635	...	18.0	3.9	18.4
216	157	Wells Fargo	209 †	-2	...	3.8	...
7225	3085½	Wells Fargo	7000	-205	...	1.5	...
183	99	Westpac	159	+6	...	5.2	...
253	188	Winsmit	204 †	+1	9.3	6.2	7.8

BREWERIES

712	526	Allied-Lyons	585	+8	30.0	4.5	13.8
656	472	Bass	585	+8	18.5	4.3	12.7
213	148	Boddington	204	+1	9.0	4.3	13.9
400	243	Bulmer (H)	378	...	9.5	3.2	17.4
179	111	Burnonad Inv	169	...	4.4	4.0	10.9
291	194	Devenish (A)	277	-2	7.8	3.8	...
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'◆	97	+2	...	...	4.5
89½	47	Fraser Brewing	68½	+2½	...	...	25.7
440	320	Ind Rec 'A'◆	440	...	...	2.6	14.3
518	360	Grand Met	494	+2½	12.5	2.6	15.0
426½	283	Greenalls Grp	395	...	11.7	4.0	13.1
538	406	Greene King	538	...	12.2	2.3	13.7
644	447	Guinness	651	...	10.8	3.2	12.9
348	245	Hardy Ronan	259	+3	7.5	4.1	14.4
148	113	Hawthorn◆	113	...	...	3.0	3.6
105	78	do 'A' Dr◆	78	...	...	...	...
240	191	Highland Dist	240	...	6.0	3.0	17.5
1305	1150	Ind Cpe New	1305	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	269	...	...	6.5	3.2
257	201	Macallan-Glen	257	...	...	6.7	26.6
1319	905	Macallan-Glen	1315	+23	...	4.0	...
348	136	Magnet	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Manchester Brew	158	...	7.5	6.4	22.8
530	418	Mc Mc-Tech	485	+8	...	...	...
248	115	Matthew Brwn	248	...	2.5	14.7	5.9
179	112	Canning (W)	146	...	7.2	6.7	11.7
616	371	Courtaulds	574	+8	13.0	3.0	15.6
270½	143	Croda	255	+2	7.5	3.0	19.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	+2	7.0	5.0	17.1
37½	7	Enm Colour	17½	+2	0.6	5.0	...
139	43	Evode	136	...	3.5	3.5	...
281	271	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	225	...	7.8	4.7	14.2
1154½	750½	Hoechst	1127½	+30	...	7.0	...
1410	975	ICI	1309	+1	...	6.2	22.0
685	434	Laporte	662	+6	18.9	2.7	18.3
228	138	Leigh	220	+1	7.8	5.0	17.1
290	11	MTM	13	...	1.8	...	3.0
1687½	1168	Norsk Hydro	1650	+52½	...	1.7	...
415	360	Paterson Zoch	415	...	11.6	2.7	17.9
395	255	do 'A'	393	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	221	Plysu	292	...	11.4	3.1	17.6
206	130	Portvale	201†	½	3.6	2.4	...
13	4½	Scottlife Speak	12	...	...	...	...
475	328	Wardle Storeys	428	...	16.0	5.0	17.2
445½	295	Wrexham I	445	...	16.3	4.6	14.5
360	345½	Yorks Chem	372 †	+4	...	4.5	8.1
265	234	Yule Catto	265	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

BUILDING, ROADS

95	60	Abbey	95	...	...	1.5	33.5
27	9	Abridgemnt◆	18	-1	...	...	...
128	54	Allen◆	105	+1	10.2	...	7.8
182	59	Amec	85	...	...	...	...
27	2½	Anglia Sec	9	...	4.3	3.0	20.2
192	85	Ashtead◆	186 †	...	4.0	2.1	19.1
151	100	Attwoods	134	+1	5.0	4.7	54.4
258	128	BPB Ind	251	...	9.1	3.4	25.9
107	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.0	3.9	...
31	15	Bailey (Geo) Cnr	31	...	1.8	5.8	16.0
118	66	Barcon	88	...	2.0	2.1	13.9
134	34	Barratt Dev	125	...	11.5	4.1	21.9
383	305	Bellway	378 †	...	...	...	...
32	14	Bellwork	26	...	5.0	1.9	23.8
360	186	Berkeley Gp	360	...	...	...	1.8
100	45	Beth Bros	45	...	...	...	10.2
83	18	Bilton	80	+3	11.2	6.6	22.7
284½	121	Blue Circle	265	...	...	2.7	14.5
265	140½	Book (Henry)	265	...	...	4.6	17.8
108	62	Brendon PLC	98	...	7.4	10.1	12.7
153	66	Br Dredging	68	...	5.5	...	...
195	68	Brit Pavings	68	...	4.8	5.1	27.1
128	65	Bryant	125	...	2.5	2.1	...
80	38	CALA	67	+1	...	3.7	13.3
246	182	CRH	237	...	...	...	...
68	14	Caldermead Ely	35	...	...	...	...
49	19	Cambn	27	...	4.7	4.6	31.7
143	51	Countryside	130	...	4.1	...	...
23	14	Cmt Nicholson	23 †	...	0.0	...	...
58	14	Costain	46	...	...	...	...
8	...	Dunton◆	2½	...	...	1.8	9.6
32	12	Edmund Hdgs	23†	...	...	4.9	14.9
211	122	Epwin	178	...	...	...	...
54	33	Erith	52	...	...	2.0	...
300	233	Eve Group◆	300	...	...	...	22.6
58	29	Evered Jardine	42	...	...	5.6	...
19	3	Diplomat◆	3	...	...	...	...
126	46	Ferguson Gps◆	102	...	...	4.3	13.6
79	46	Gatliffe	46	...	...	...	...
93	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
405	378	Glenton (NC)	378

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Dividend Gth	55.62	59.38	-0.55	5.05
Global Gth Sec	59.91	63.74	-0.05	2.87
Ethical Growth	63.35	67.39	-0.34	2.82
High Inc Equity	149.00	158.50	+1.40	5.34
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Gilts Fixed Int	128.00	136.70*	-1.20	6.95
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European	80.91	85.74*	-0.29	...
European Inc	78.82	83.81*	-0.12	1.60
Exempt	490.40	520.20	+9.50	3.33
Extra Inc	41.96	45.55	-0.47	5.52
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Equity Inc	207.10	221.30*	+2.20	4.15
High Yield	230.40	246.20	+2.20	4.29
Balanced	625.10	668.20	+3.80	2.54
American Inc	49.29	52.69*	-0.55	3.25
Wld Asset Val	38.19	40.81	-0.16	2.01
Japan	142.20	151.60	-4.20	0.01
Secs of Am	429.10	457.00	-6.10	0.36
A&A EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	308.60	328.40	+3.00	2.96
-do- Inc	221.20	235.40	+2.10	2.96
Higher Inc Acc	551.20	586.40	+5.10	4.14
-do- Inc	339.90	361.70	+3.20	4.14
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.90	184.70*	+0.30	6.70
-do- Inc	91.65	96.79*	-2.54	6.70
Nth America	263.30	280.20	-3.40	...
Far East	258.90	275.50	-8.30	0.20
Europe	219.90	234.00	-1.90	1.24
General Inc	417.90	444.50	+3.10	2.66
-do- Acc	454.90	494.00	+3.30	2.66
Brit Excell	63.78	67.66	+0.04	2.96
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.96	69.11	-0.49	5.20
Brit Fndmtls Acc	82.76	88.05	-0.61	5.20
Global Opps	69.48	73.92	-1.10	0.07
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.30	112.70*	+0.90	3.23
Euro Gth Inc	115.50	122.40	+1.10	1.01
Extra Inc	102.40	109.50	+0.10	5.67
General	235.60	252.00	-1.90	3.53
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.53	59.51*	-0.07	8.73
Income	462.10	494.20*	+2.90	4.89
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	92.80	98.62	-0.70	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	121.00	129.80	+0.20	..
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.48	55.05	-0.03	7.40
Eastern	179.60	193.50	-0.70	1.70
Equity Income	77.64	82.59	+0.43	6.60
European Gth	230.00	244.60	+1.10	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	148.80	159.50	-2.80	2.00
Exempt	80.51	82.72*	..	3.90
German Growth	54.20	57.85	-0.29	0.80
Global Growth	107.90	115.30	-0.30	...
Japan Growth	158.20	169.60*	-4.20	...
Japan Sunrise	134.40	143.50	-1.50	...
Portfolio	114.70	122.70*	+0.40	3.40
-do- Acc	204.60	218.90*	+0.90	3.40
UK Growth	76.12	80.97	+0.49	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.53	81.84	+0.27	2.00
Select Managers	62.45	66.94	+0.23	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	102.22	109.33	+0.64	2.39
-do- Inc	93.63	100.37	+0.77	2.39
Global Bond	29.78	31.59	-0.16	5.78
High Yield Acc	51.17	54.73	+0.33	4.52
-do- Inc	37.51	40.11	+0.24	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.54	88.60	+0.37	1.81
-do- Inc	76.61	81.94	+0.34	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	58.64	62.72	...	...
-do- Inc	57.55	61.55*	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	95.68	102.33	+0.10	1.78
-do- Inc	94.37	100.93*	+0.10	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.19	36.56	+0.09	1.54
Pacific Growth	89.37	95.58	-0.95	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.87	91.84	+0.16	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	112.80	120.10*	+1.60	3.70
Smaller Cos Acc	269.90	287.50	-3.20	..
Smaller Cos Inc	158.10	168.30	-1.80	1.37
High Inc	71.90	76.93	-0.52	7.17
Income	124.30	133.00	-1.10	4.36
Mngd P folio Inc	90.95	96.86*	-0.34	2.15
-do- Acc	171.90	183.00	+0.80	..
North American	107.40	114.90	-0.20	0.19
Orient	101.30	109.10	-1.10	...
Recovery	37.13	39.81	+0.54	2.96
German	43.22	46.32	+0.32	0.09
Intl Growth	33.00	35.14	-0.09	0.22
European Inc	23.00	24.77	-0.13	0.46
Conv General	19.28	20.62	-0.10	8.09
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.04	68.13	+0.31	1.09
-do- Acc	71.40	75.96	+0.34	1.09
Income Fund 5	207.90	221.20	+1.80	4.09
-do- Acc	472.60	502.80	+3.90	4.09
Inv Portfolio	64.46	68.86*	+0.59	2.13
-do- Acc	75.05	77.78*	+0.67	2.13
Smaller Cos	118.60	126.20	+0.70	2.00
-do- Acc	142.50	151.60	+0.80	2.00
High Inc P folio	58.17	60.26*	+0.16	4.85
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.41	67.30*	-3.14	6.99
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.70	142.30	+0.50	1.73
UK Growth	143.20	152.40*	+1.70	2.38
UK Income	122.10	129.90	+0.90	4.48
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	82.40	88.13	-0.74	1.06
Growth	44.27	47.35	+0.44	3.03
Income	52.05	55.67	+0.36	4.37
Far East	42.77	45.74	-0.36	0.17
North American	82.14	87.85	-0.23	0.01
Global	81.72	87.40*	-0.97	1.06
European	69.03	73.83*	-0.84	1.27
Japan	88.77	94.94	-1.36	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.70	64.37	-0.73	4.98
UK Cap Gwth	77.35	82.73	-0.67	2.05

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.60	141.10	-0.10	0.20
-do- Acc	141.00	150.00	-0.10	0.20
European	67.38	71.62	-0.37	1.05
-do- Acc	70.04	74.23	+0.37	1.05
Far East Gen	49.96	53.15	-0.45	...
-do- Acc	49.96	53.15	-0.49	...
Glenfriars	244.10	259.70*	...	1.02
-do- Acc	274.80	292.40	+0.10	1.02
Growth	371.40	397.30	+2.70	2.58
-do- Acc	630.50	680.80	+4.50	2.58
Income Growth	364.40	387.70*	+1.50	4.07
-do- Acc	484.50	515.50	+1.90	4.07
Master Portfolio	9530.0	9697.0*	-45.00	2.68
-do- Acc	10404.0	11169.0	-52.00	2.68
Special Sits	84.36	89.75*	-0.14	2.55
-do- Acc	98.73	105.04	-0.16	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1191.0	1218.0	+12.00	4.54
-do- Acc	1367.0	1410.0	+14.00	4.54
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	198.30	211.30*	-1.10	1.73
Capital	526.90	562.30	+4.70	2.90
Eurotrack 100	132.60	141.00*	+0.80	1.70
Euro Gth	81.42	86.63	+0.20	1.43
Far East Growth	81.52	87.00	-1.05	0.16
Global Bond	23.77	25.04	-0.11	6.99
Hong Kong	76.90	82.07*	-0.04	0.59
Income	498.60	532.10	+4.10	4.71
Intl Growth	71.79	76.61	-0.48	1.06
Japan Growth	206.80	220.70	-4.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.31	28.07*	-0.46	..
Japan Index	61.77	65.92*	-1.40	0.31
Nth American	428.30	457.00	-2.20	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	50.06	53.41	-0.61	..
The Footsie Fd	107.20	113.10	+1.10	2.78
Tiger Index	138.40	147.60	-0.50	0.72
Trtdle Index	98.67	105.30*	+0.30	2.91
UK Index	121.20	129.30	+1.10	3.33
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.27	91.07	...	1.00
European P folio	73.23	77.92	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.86	54.00	-0.69	...
Pacific P folio	93.90	100.54	+0.27	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.94	73.74	..	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.54	65.99	..	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.30	..	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	8.90
Deposit	0.00	0.14	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	..	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	..
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.32	66.65	+1.11	2.43
Beckman Intl	82.81	87.43	...	3.24
Friars Hse Inc	174.76	187.91	+0.95	6.58
Friars Hse Cap	245.79	264.29	+1.62	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	111.96	119.11	-0.49	...
European Gth	95.66	101.77	-0.21	1.25
Far East Gth	95.85	101.97	-0.88	0.30
Japan Gth Acc	33.63	35.78	-0.39	...
Managed	60.70	64.57	+0.30	3.04
-do- Acc	73.30	77.98	+0.35	3.04
Mthly Inc Plus	47.12	50.13	+0.29	8.57
Smaller Cos	31.79	33.82*	+0.09	2.16
-do- Acc	35.82	38.11	+0.13	2.16
UK General	67.72	72.04	+0.67	2.75
-do- Acc	81.19	86.37	+0.81	2.75
Wwide Bd	64.63	68.75*	-2.09	6.38
-do- Acc	83.15	88.46	-0.30	6.38
Wwide Sp Sits	53.80	57.54	-0.19	0.26
-do- Acc	56.05	59.95	-0.19	0.26
Quilter General	121.57	129.33	+1.10	3.50
-do- Acc	133.81	142.35	+1.21	3.50
Quilter Income	91.19	97.01*	-0.70	4.60
-do- Acc	112.39	119.56	-0.86	4.60
Quilter Intl	125.17	133.16	+0.24	0.43
-do- Acc	126.90	135.00	+0.24	0.43
Quilter UK Spec	69.11	73.52	+0.65	2.49
-do- Acc	91.44	97.28	+0.87	2.49
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	99.50	105.85	+0.90	1.80
Fixed Conv	40.10	42.66*	+0.06	8.27
-do- Acc	104.63	111.31	+0.17	8.27
Equity Inc	140.79	149.78*	+1.30	4.15
-do- Acc	452.69	481.59	+4.15	4.15
High Yield	115.80	123.19	+0.45	5.27
-do- Acc	437.91	465.86	+3.11	5.27
Preference	47.56	50.60*	+0.58	7.82
-do- Acc	240.93	256.31	+2.96	7.82
PPT Europe	151.77	161.46	+0.28	0.54
PPT Global Bnd	84.76	90.17	-0.97	4.89
PPT Gold Com	50.01	53.20	-0.18	..
PPT Thai	56.59	60.20	-0.94	..
PPT Hong Kong	101.37	107.84	-0.08	0.34
PPT Japan	92.68	98.60	-1.12	..
PPT N Amer	154.19	164.03	-0.72	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.83	106.20	-1.13	...
PPT UK	114.42	121.72	+1.13	1.49
PPT Cash	91.11	91.11	+0.03	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	79.04	84.08	-0.09	0.94
Japanese Acc	48.17	51.24	-0.71	...
UK Balncd Inc	122.90	130.70	+1.30	2.57
-do- Acc	143.40	152.60	+1.80	2.57
UK Growth Acc	203.30	216.30	+1.40	2.23
UK High Inc	131.10	139.50	+1.10	6.81
-do- Acc	154.80	164.70	+1.30	6.81
N America Acc	114.70	122.00	-0.30	0.32
European Acc	154.80	164.70	+2.00	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.41	64.25	+0.17	8.81
-do- Acc	97.50	103.50	+0.30	8.81
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.84	48.77	-0.19	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.17	75.71	+0.53	1.46
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.40	122.60	-1.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	181.10	192.40	-0.70	1.30
Eurofund	38.43	40.62	-0.06	0.96
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.50	...	3.08
Growth Inc	210.70	223.90*	+2.00	4.02
High Dist	137.20	145.80	+1.30	5.93
International	314.70	334.40	-0.50	0.97
Intl Income	81.75	87.27	+0.41	2.98
Pacific	57.01	60.57	-0.61	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	55.32	58.78	-1.38	...
Tokyo	161.60	171.80	-4.40	...

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Japan Exempt	93.09	95.64	-1.15	0.52
Sm Jap Exempt	468.20	481.00	+0.40	0.10
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	...	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.95	109.32	+0.52	3.57
High Income	118.78	125.03	+0.99	5.16
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.94	146.25*	+0.74	2.20
Special Sits	82.56	86.91	+0.92	3.33
North American	106.23	111.82	-1.10	0.98
Far Eastern	216.77	228.18	-2.36	1.52
Intl Growth	90.47	95.23	-0.60	1.45
European	64.66	68.06	-0.06	2.19
Smaller Cos	69.82	73.49	+0.58	2.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	222.20	236.00	-0.40	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	..	6.00
European Tst	110.40	117.40	-0.50	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	95.31	100.80	+0.70	0.86
Far Eastern	119.20	127.50	-1.00	...
Oseas Income	90.37	96.89	+0.18	2.64
UK Growth	90.84	97.15	+0.76	1.70
UK Income	100.60	107.60	+1.10	3.85
US Smaller Cos	232.60	248.80	-0.40	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	419.90	449.00	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	429.00	458.70	+2.00	...
Capital	280.30	298.10	+0.20	2.19
-do- Acc	386.90	411.50	+0.30	2.19
Cond Smllr Cos	46.85	50.06	-0.48	1.26
-do- Acc	49.48	52.42	+0.50	1.26
Convertible	107.60	114.40	+0.40	6.60
-do- Acc	199.30	211.90	+0.70	6.60
European	98.90	105.20	+0.20	0.91
-do- Acc	101.80	108.70	+0.20	0.91
Extra Income	292.20	300.10*	+1.80	4.50
-do- Acc	395.10	420.20*	+2.40	4.50
Financial	105.30	113.40	-0.10	0.60
-do- Acc	109.60	118.10	..	0.60
Health Fund Inc	112.70	120.40	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	112.70	120.40	-0.40	...
Income Tst	172.50	183.40	+1.20	4.22
-do- Acc	240.40	255.70	+1.70	4.22
Ind Growth	303.80	324.50	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	337.30	360.40	-0.50	...
Japan Gen	139.50	149.30	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	140.90	150.80	-1.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.60	94.31	-0.26	1.06
-do- Acc	92.53	97.39	+0.28	1.06
Monthly Income	143.50	152.60	+0.80	4.66
Recovery	284.70	304.40*	+0.20	0.91
-do- Acc	333.50	356.60*	+0.30	0.91
Gilt Gth Tst	62.27	64.21	+0.47	6.84
-do- Acc	78.18	80.61	+0.59	6.84
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	343.01	364.90	+4.56	3.04
-do- Acc	692.56	736.77	+9.20	3.04
Euro Gth Dist	106.74	113.55*	+1.41	1.00
-do- Acc	109.92	116.94*	+1.46	1.00
Fixed Int Dist	129.45	136.93*	+0.32	6.59
-do- Acc	217.43	229.99*	+0.53	6.59
Intl Gth Dist	74.25	78.99	-0.03	0.84
-do- Acc	76.81	81.71	-0.03	0.84
Nth Amer Dist	170.61	180.88	-0.74	0.81
-do- Acc	185.02	196.16	-0.86	0.81
Pac Basin Dist	224.68	239.02	-1.89	0.35
-do- Acc	228.22	242.79	-1.92	0.35
Stewardship Dist	291.33	309.93	+2.04	2.03
-do- Acc	344.68	366.68	+2.42	2.03
Stwd Inc Dist	60.25	64.10*	+0.17	3.99
-do- Acc	73.92	78.64*	+0.20	3.99
N Am Stwd Dist	98.20	104.47	-0.02	0.08
-do- Acc	103.89	110.52	-0.02	0.08
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	133.20	142.50	-1.80	..
European	401.40	425.40	-1.90	0.99
Far East General	197.40	211.20	-0.50	0.34
Germany	100.10	106.10	-0.10	0.43
Global Assets In	65.99	70.56	+0.01	2.29
Global Assets Ac	69.15	73.93	+0.01	2.26
Income Inc	106.70	114.20*	-3.40	7.70
International	250.70	268.20*	-2.30	1.04
Intl Income	77.37	82.07	-0.51	4.86
Japan General	312.30	331.00	-3.70	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.66	47.77	-0.26	6.36
UK Capital Inc	150.30	160.80*	-0.80	4.15
-do- Acc	257.00	274.90	+1.20	4.08
Uk Spec Sits	69.36	74.19	+0.25	1.71
US General	113.80	121.30	-0.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	112.00	119.80	+0.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.61	45.57*	+0.46	1.27
Cash Trust	127.50	127.50	+0.05	5.78
Pract Inv Inc	101.13	108.45	+0.60	4.07
-do- Acc	215.91	231.54	+1.29	4.07
UK Smaller Cos	95.27	102.17	-0.10	1.62
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.71	26.43	+0.15	8.36
High Inc	30.42	32.53*	+0.12	5.53
UK Equity Inc	124.64	133.30*	+1.20	4.25
Global Bond	30.47	31.58	-0.19	5.45
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.13	69.84	+0.25	1.68
Frontier Markets	41.47	44.47	-0.21	0.22
Global Inc Gth	121.14	129.28	-0.12	2.47
UK Intl	109.00	116.55	+0.22	0.74
Overseas Funds				
American	130.53	139.17	-0.85	0.60
European	82.93	87.87*	+0.54	0.86
Euro Sel Opps	94.89	100.97*	+0.15	1.27
American Emerg	77.47	83.08	+0.41	...
Hong Kong	109.10	117.00*	-0.02	1.87
Japan	168.00	178.80	-1.80	...
Pacific Growth	142.91	153.25	-0.23	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.18	128.54	-0.61	0.96
American Gth	118.16	126.38	-2.35	0.35
European Gth	69.94	74.53	+0.50	0.82
German Horizn	48.79	52.04	+0.07	0.92
Japan Gth	62.40	66.74	-1.02	...
Pacific Inc	127.37	136.22	-0.09	3.22
Pacific Strategy	104.63	111.90	-1.62	...
UK Prog Inc	71.55	75.45	+0.69	6.11
Gt British Cos	47.51	50.09	+0.42	3.00
UK Small Cos	43.62	46.65	+0.09	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.10	130.10	...	5.29
Gilt Fixed	119.00	126.20*	+0.90	6.66
Growth Equity	278.80	297.80	+3.50	2.30
Guardhill	412.10	440.20*	+5.10	2.63

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Income Trust	102.10	109.00	+1.00	3.88
International	151.20	161.50	-0.40	0.32
Japan Trust	101.90	108.80	-1.40	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	259.00	276.70	-0.50	0.36
Pacific	334.60	357.40	-2.60	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	336.40	359.40	-0.50	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.16	36.22*	+0.40	1.80
-do- Acc	35.76	37.91	+0.40	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.81	30.54*	...	4.20
-do- Acc	29.95	31.75	+0.30	4.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	70.82	75.87	-0.51	0.72
Equity Income	109.90	116.90*	+1.50	3.66
European	136.30	144.10	+1.60	1.47
Intl Situation	73.24	77.91	+0.71	...
Japanese	113.20	120.50	-1.50	...
North American	104.30	110.70	+0.20	0.05
Scandinavian	102.60	108.30	-0.30	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.55	30.37*	-0.54	2.40
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.45	94.59	-0.15	...
Asian Enterprise	118.88	127.36	-1.02	0.83
Australian	133.78	143.00	+1.89	1.34
European	364.45	385.96	+2.73	0.97
European Inc	69.46	73.47*	+0.39	3.02
Euro Smi Co	119.68	127.36	-0.15	0.81
Extra Income	253.76	270.15	+1.61	5.38
Family of Funds	66.62	71.14*	+0.33	1.26
Fixed Interest	56.01	59.89	-0.02	9.35
Global Resour	82.09	88.12*	-0.22	1.52
High Inc	272.14	290.90*	+1.97	4.63
Income Gth	229.05	243.93	+3.05	3.89
-do- Acc	576.39	613.88	+5.10	3.89
International	221.48	235.63	-0.74	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	187.40	199.21	-3.17	...
Japan	160.61	170.71*	-3.06	...
N Amer	228.71	243.67	-1.53	0.14
Pacific Smllr Cos	163.94	176.26	+0.19	0.87
Pref Gilt	46.30	50.32*	+0.14	9.25
Smaller Cos Div	154.75	168.46*	+0.33	4.38
Special Sits	246.70	263.95*	+1.43	1.50
-do- Acc	379.07	405.59*	+2.19	1.50
Best of British	54.96	58.90	+0.54	2.41
Spirit of the East	53.81	57.41	-0.39	0.74
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	86.21	92.20	+0.21	2.31
Capital	151.10	161.80*	-0.20	2.04
Dollar	311.50	333.10	-2.50	0.28
European	192.90	206.30	-0.80	0.56
Far East	231.50	247.50	-2.40	0.62
Financial	643.30	688.00	-3.00	2.59
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.95	26.96*	+0.10	8.05
High Yield	97.43	104.20	+0.60	5.18
Income	131.30	140.40	+1.30	3.58
Intl	206.80	221.10*	-1.40	0.51
Japan Tech	54.30	58.07*	-1.08	..
Nat Resources	56.50	60.42	-0.66	0.89
Security	287.00	306.90	+0.30	2.17
Smaller Cos	101.90	108.90	-2.30	1.79
Special Sits	129.20	138.10*	-1.40	2.37
US Smaller Cos	64.16	68.62	-1.29	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	249.50	262.60	+2.30	1.38
Capital Gwth	102.60	108.00	...	2.70
Inv Trusts	123.30	129.80	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.26	24.47*	+0.17	1.73
Special Features	26.31	27.95	+0.29	1.64
-do- Acc	30.86	32.78	+0.34	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.66	55.29	+0.61	2.36
Assets Earnings	69.05	73.36*	+0.91	2.03
do Acc	81.28	86.36*	+1.08	2.03
Managed Invest	80.98	86.54*	+0.12	1.38
Rupert Children	74.81	79.76	+0.91	1.76
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.15	50.15*	+0.02	5.04
Extra Inc	76.97	82.50*	+0.59	5.60
Gilt	27.88	29.35	+0.14	7.01
Income Gth	37.50	40.10	+0.39	3.70
MIMstar	76.52	78.41	+0.13	8.58
Preference	17.68	19.33*	...	6.80
UK Income	299.90	320.60	+1.30	3.41
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.98	56.29	+0.39	1.51
Property Shares	56.63	60.16	+0.21	2.30
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	137.60	144.70	+1.70	4.45
European Acc	111.70	118.30	+0.90	2.02
European Dist	106.30	112.60	+0.80	2.02
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.80	52.98	-0.13	1.05
European Perf	108.50	115.00	+0.80	1.31
-do- Acc	110.50	117.30	+0.90	1.31
Euro Small Cos	20.32	21.66	+0.09	0.82
French Growth	69.38	73.79*	+0.70	0.57
-do- Acc	73.95	78.65*	+0.75	0.57
Hong K/China	67.44	72.47	+0.29	1.29
Intl Growth	48.81	51.86	+0.08	0.85
-do- Acc	48.81	51.86	+0.08	0.85
Japan Perf	26.09	27.70	-0.39	...
Accum Units	26.09	27.70	-0.39	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.27	30.03	-0.50	...
Singapore Asean	71.07	77.03	-0.42	0.58
-do- Acc	71.51	77.51	-0.42	0.58
South East Asia	212.80	229.60	-0.30	0.96
US Smllr Cos	108.70	115.40	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	109.90	116.70	-0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.37	87.77	+0.16	2.76
Intl Bond	57.78	58.42*	-0.31	6.67
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.75	69.09*	+0.03	5.44
Extra Income	51.58	54.87	+0.31	7.02
Gilt Yield	118.40	125.00*	+1.40	8.01
Global Income	194.40	208.80*	+0.60	4.13
High Yield	129.40	137.70	+0.80	6.37
Smllr Cos Div	44.10	46.92*	+0.49	5.09
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.15	95.90	-1.62	...
North American	77.09	82.01	-0.57	0.43
European	130.60	139.10	...	0.91
Euro Special	77.72	82.68	-0.52	1.00
General	260.40	277.00	+2.50	3.44
Japan	320.50	341.00	-5.70	...
Japanese Special	174.80	186.00	-3.50	...
Master Acc	211.60	225.10	-1.60	1.47
Pacific	245.30	261.40	-0.40	0.50
Smaller Cos	96.16	102.30	+3.68	2.26
UK Equity Gth	33.74	35.89*	+0.42	2.76
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.94	77.60	+0.41	0.72
Extra Income	23.99	25.10	+0.06	3.56

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	23.82	25.34	-0.17	0.97
Income Gwth	70.93	75.46*	+0.16	3.06
Intl Growth	49.47	52.63	+0.08	1.00
Japan	51.78	55.09*	-0.90	...
Maximum Dist*	100.70	102.70*	-0.10	8.14
N Amer Equity	41.06	43.68	+0.07	0.50
UK Equity	84.63	90.03	+1.20	3.00
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.34	55.57	+0.48	4.79
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	414.90	441.40*	...	2.99
Equity Acc	788.80	839.10	+8.00	2.99
Equity Income	89.31	95.02*	+0.80	5.20
European	96.73	102.90*	-0.20	1.66
Far Eastern	161.10	173.50	-1.90	0.33
Fixed Interest	50.92	54.17	...	8.00
Gilt	91.73	97.27	+0.38	6.80
Global Growth	63.55	67.61	-0.40	0.77
Intl Bond	57.84	61.53*	-0.54	5.40
Japanese	55.84	59.40	-1.18	...
Overseas Equity	92.09	97.97	-0.66	0.81
Pacific Gth	81.88	87.11	-0.49	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	311.60	331.50	+3.10	3.06
-do- Acc	694.80	717.90	+6.90	3.06
Cond Euro Gth	51.78	54.51	+0.60	1.30
-do- Acc	54.76	57.65	+0.65	1.30
Extra Inc	233.90	248.90	+1.40	4.10
-do- Acc	568.80	605.20	+3.40	4.10
German Gth	103.00	108.50	+0.20	0.15
-do- Acc	108.10	113.80	+0.30	0.15
Growth Port	475.70	506.10	+2.60	1.79
-do- Acc	475.70	506.10	+2.60	1.79
Income	431.90	459.50	-3.00	3.90
-do- Acc	1095.0	1169.0	-7.00	3.90
Income Port	481.20	512.00	+2.10	5.08
-do- Acc	481.20	512.00	+2.10	5.08
Japan Growth	77.48	82.43	-0.13	0.01
-do- Acc	77.75	82.72	-0.13	0.01
Master Trust	50.98	54.24	+0.25	1.39
-do- Acc	55.46	59.00	+0.28	1.39
N American Gen	188.30	200.40	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	217.60	231.50	+2.30	0.01
NAm Smr Co Rec	136.30	145.10	+2.90	0.01
-do- Acc	139.20	148.10	+3.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	195.20	207.70	+0.30	0.57
-do- Acc	206.30	219.50	+0.30	0.57
Small Cos Rec	298.80	311.40	+0.50	2.40
-do- Acc	381.60	401.70	+0.70	2.40
UK Growth	77.56	82.52	+0.72	2.45
-do- Acc	90.44	96.22	+0.85	2.45
Worldwide Gth	270.40	287.70	+0.60	0.30
-do- Acc	398.40	423.90	+1.00	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.97	81.51	+0.94	3.00
Income	57.74	61.95*	-0.86	6.10
International	54.25	58.21	+0.05	0.80
American	60.37	64.78	-0.02	0.30
Japan	40.62	43.58	-0.60	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.19	57.07	+0.43	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	394.70	417.20*	-1.40	0.90
-do- Acc	487.00	514.70	-1.90	0.90
American Rec	409.50	433.00	-1.40	0.55
-do- Acc	468.50	495.40	-1.60	0.55
Am Sm Co Acc	117.40	125.70	+0.50	0.10
Australia Acc	141.20	149.40	+2.90	1.66
Capital	606.10	641.00*	+4.90	3.25
-do- Acc	666.80	707.30	+5.40	3.25
Commodity Acc	385.70	407.80	+0.60	1.38
Compnd Gth	785.60	830.80	-12.00	3.39
Dividend	32.90	35.20	+0.40	4.86
-do- Acc	128.10	137.00	+1.70	4.86
Equity Inc	275.30	291.10*	+1.70	3.72
European Div	56.70	60.60	+0.30	4.96
-do- Acc	64.10	68.40	+0.20	4.96
European Gen	380.50	402.40	+5.50	1.48
-do- Acc	475.30	502.70	+6.80	1.48
Extra Yield	349.20	373.80	+4.30	4.97
-do- Acc	1003.4	1073.6	+12.40	4.97
Far Eastern	265.70	281.00*	-0.80	1.32
-do- Acc	349.50	369.70	-1.00	1.32
Fund of Inv	483.30	511.10	+3.50	2.46
-do- Acc	872.10	922.30	+6.20	2.46
General	51.10	54.00	+0.50	4.08
-do- Acc	134.70	142.40	+1.60	4.08
Gilt Fxd Int	61.90	61.80*	+0.20	8.78
do Acc	152.70	152.80	+0.60	8.78
Gold	36.80	38.90	-0.50	2.06
-do- Acc	43.00	45.40	-0.70	2.06
High Inc	23.50	24.90	+0.30	5.14
-do- Acc	87.00	92.10	+0.80	5.14
Intl Growth	65.80	69.60*	...	1.16
-do- Acc	113.40	120.00	+0.10	1.16
Intl Inc	90.40	95.60	+0.30	5.22
Japan Gen Acc	40.70	43.10	-0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	117.00	123.80	-1.40	...
Midland	48.60	52.00	+0.20	4.65
-do- Acc	153.60	164.30	+0.60	4.65
Recovery	33.50	35.80	+0.30	3.55
-do- Acc	52.70	56.30	+0.50	3.55
Second Gen	57.40	60.70	-0.40	4.01
-do- Acc	140.30	148.30	+0.90	4.01
Smaller Cos	55.30	58.50*	+0.10	3.83
-do- Acc	104.80	110.90	+0.20	3.83
Trustee	36.30	38.40	+0.30	4.43
Charibond 3	£111.16	...	+0.43	9.70
Charifund 2	600.40	606.50	+7.10	5.27
Pension ex 1	835.90	856.80	-10.80	4.66
NAACIF Inc 3	145.00	...	-0.30	7.98
-do- Acc 3	£1057.7	...	+3.30	7.98
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	131.20	140.30*	+0.43	2.99
-do- Acc	145.70	155.80*	+0.43	2.99
UK Income	107.50	115.40*	+0.87	3.19
-do- Acc	120.30	128.70*	+0.87	3.19
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	76.19	81.48*	-0.45	0.62
Far East (Pacific)	125.40	133.10	-0.80	0.76
Income Growth	69.84	74.13*	+0.68	4.37
European	65.46	69.49*	+0.64	1.99
Nth American	58.63	62.23	-0.58	1.17
UK Growth	74.79	79.39	+0.69	1.49
Intl Growth	87.15	92.51	-0.02	0.74
Charities	104.60	111.00*	+0.90	4.75
Intl Income	64.77	68.75	+0.57	4.41
Japan	41.43	43.98*	-0.23	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	191.10	202.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	204.20	216.70	-0.80	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	6.00
-do- Acc	128.10	128.10	+0.10	6.00
European Gth	193.60	205.50	+2.50	0.34
-do- Acc	207.30	220.00	+2.60	0.34
General	442.20	471.70	-1.30	2.76
-do- Acc	841.50	897.60	+10.90	2.76
Global Dist	136.60	143.90	-0.20	5.43
-do- Acc	149.70	157.30	-0.20	5.43
Income	132.10	140.90*	+0.90	5.17
-do- Acc	193.30	206.20*	+1.30	5.17
International	368.10	392.70	+2.10	0.95
-do- Acc	488.30	520.90	+2.90	0.95

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Japan	150.90	160.00*	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	154.90	164.30*	-1.90	...
New Europe	132.60	141.50*	-2.20	1.41
-do- Acc	134.70	143.70*	+2.10	1.41
Recovery	276.30	294.80	+1.70	2.38
-do- Acc	345.30	368.40	+2.20	2.38
European Inc	74.08	78.44	+0.19	2.89
-do- Acc	93.98	99.50	+0.23	2.89
Brit Blue Chip	70.49	75.03	+1.05	3.67
-do- Acc	82.54	87.86	+1.24	3.67
Portfolio	72.55	77.15	+0.74	3.10
-do- Acc	81.30	86.44	+0.82	3.10
Gold General	64.36	68.87	-0.79	3.52
-do- Acc	65.45	69.82	-0.80	3.52
Pacific	86.65	92.43	-0.19	0.54
-do- Acc	91.60	97.71	-0.21	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	48.41	51.64*	+0.11	1.11
-do- Acc	54.03	57.64*	+0.14	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.77	60.72	+0.22	3.38
-do- Acc	56.77	60.72	+0.22	3.38
British Dist	74.65	79.84*	+0.66	2.34
-do- Acc	84.46	90.33	+0.75	2.34
European Gth	168.20	179.70	+1.40	0.21
-do- Acc	211.10	225.50	+1.70	0.21
Extra High Inc	67.45	72.14	+0.25	6.56
-do- Acc	117.20	125.40	+0.80	6.56
FT-SE 100 Index	47.56	50.87	+0.44	3.26
-do- Acc	47.56	50.87	+0.44	3.26
Gilt Fixed Int	56.04	58.40*	-0.60	7.05
-do- Acc	147.40	153.60	-0.50	7.05
High Yield	211.90	226.60	+1.20	5.18
-do- Acc	486.30	520.10	+2.90	5.18
Income	267.70	285.30*	+2.10	3.98
-do- Acc	556.50	595.20	+4.40	3.98
Japan Gth	270.00	288.80	-3.80	...
-do- Acc	284.90	304.70	-4.10	...
Mandarin Acc	94.26	100.80	+0.60	1.24
North American	167.20	178.80	-0.70	0.91
-do- Acc	210.20	224.80	-0.90	0.91
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	254.90	271.50	-2.90	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.14	100.14*	+0.05	5.82
Deposit Acc	121.37	121.37*	+0.04	5.82
Euro Gth Acc	253.60	270.50*	+0.60	...
Europa	115.70	124.30*	-0.70	...
Intl Gth	159.60	170.30	-0.40	...
Japan Tracker	60.16	63.74	-1.08	...
UK Equity Inc	139.70	150.40	+0.90	5.22
-do- Acc	168.20	181.10	+1.10	5.22
UK Ind Tracker	138.40	148.20*	+1.50	3.56
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.80	208.60*	-1.80	1.24
-do- Acc	208.20	220.60*	-0.80	1.24
Asian Trader	145.80	158.00	-0.90	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	173.80	178.20*	-0.20	2.64
European	60.20	61.70	+0.76	1.28
Olympiad	52.36	53.85*	+0.08	0.90
Global Bond	48.16	48.68*	-0.26	7.05
Smaller Cos	59.09	61.68	-0.04	1.88
Equity Income	89.46	92.04*	+0.30	5.09
UK Growth	81.04	83.44	+0.77	1.88
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.40	51.62	-0.41	0.72
Australian Acc	295.20	316.70	+4.30	...
Conscience	63.08	67.32	+0.25	1.47
-do- Acc	67.34	72.29	+0.27	1.47
European	170.40	181.70	-0.50	1.21
-do- Acc	181.80	193.90	-0.50	1.21
Extra Income	70.48	75.21	-0.25	6.29
-do- Acc	106.20	113.30	...	6.29
Far East Gth	147.30	157.40	-4.20	0.12
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.78	61.17	+0.20	7.54
Gold	29.63	31.86	-0.26	..
-do- Acc	31.91	34.31	-0.26	...
Income	51.00	54.39	+0.42	5.52
-do- Acc	152.90	163	+1.30	5.52
International	28.48	30.55	-0.13	0.95
-do- Acc	40.92	43.90	-0.18	0.95
Jap Sm Cos Acc	248.80	265.30	-6.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	153.60	164.70	-3.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.46	25.22	-0.28	2.02
Special Sits	31.36	33.72	+0.10	1.84
-do- Acc	35.79	38.48	+0.12	1.84
Tokyo	65.41	69.77	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	66.07	70.47	-1.52	..
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.23	70.46	+0.64	2.98
N&P Glt Fxd Int	73.04	77.30	+0.09	7.08
N&P Higher Inc	179.30	190.30*	+1.20	5.09
N&P UK Income	97.09	103.84	+0.89	4.18
N&P Intl	84.24	90.59	+0.36	1.99
N&P Smaller Cos	70.91	75.84	+0.49	1.78
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	157.35	167.40	+0.97	2.54
Global	264.38	281.26	-0.62	1.39
Growth	102.03	108.55	+0.68	2.50
Income	193.86	206.24	+0.86	4.60
Intl Bond	127.81	135.97	-0.85	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	135.40	142.50	+1.70	2.82
-do- Acc	234.50	246.80	+2.90	2.82
Income	212.10	225.60	+2.10	3.88
Intl Equity	210.60	223.70	+0.80	1.13
-do- Acc	230.30	244.90	+0.20	1.13
Equity	211.20	224.70	+2.70	2.69
-do- Acc	428.20	455.50	+5.40	2.69
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.48	70.71	+0.67	2.14
UK Income	57.51	61.18	+0.56	3.44
UK Smllr Co Acc	66.79	71.05	+0.27	1.78
New Europe Acc	62.01	65.96	+0.68	1.55
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.31	90.18	-1.30	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	94.12	100.67	+0.04	1.50
Intl Gth	441.14	471.81	-2.65	0.91
Income	280.58	300.09	+2.64	4.03
W wide Recov	275.26	294.40	-1.78	1.06
American Gth	198.76	212.58	-2.03	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	170.04	181.87	-1.30	0.19
Far East Gth	177.37	189.71	-4.10	0.28
European Gth	111.21	118.95	+0.13	1.02
UK Growth	70.74	75.66	+0.33	3.01
High Income	77.19	82.56	+0.75	5.03
Japanese Gth	160.59	171.23	-3.54	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	166.70	177.40	-3.10	0.92
High Income	105.60	112.30	+1.00	3.83
Conv Gilt	108.70	115.60*	-3.10	6.69
Far East	284.30	302.50	-7.00	0.19
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	49.85	53.03	-0.32	0.55
Emerging Mkts	61.53	65.46	+2.10	0.23

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	46.83	49.87	+0.52	3.43
International	81.65	86.46	-0.13	1.31
Gilt Units	25.59	26.38*	+0.15	8.06
Global PEP	34.80	37.02	+0.13	2.11
Income Gth	61.65	65.59*	-0.59	5.36
European	43.21	45.97*	-0.26	1.15
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.44	27.06*	-0.04	8.16
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.84	30.84*	+0.06	1.66
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.04	101.04*	-0.08	5.64
-do- Acc	104.10	104.10*	-0.04	5.64
Pru Equity	646.40	691.33	+6.29	2.45
Pru Equity Inc	77.79	83.19*	+0.57	4.55
Pru European	172.83	184.84	+1.43	1.82
Pru Global Gth	75.86	81.13*	+0.30	1.98
Pru High Inc	84.78	90.62	+0.56	5.67
Pru Intl	151.98	162.11*	-0.13	1.33
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.17	68.63	-0.06	0.94
Pru Japanese	144.72	154.79*	-2.13	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.40	153.36	-0.66	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	72.27	77.29*	+0.29	1.82
Pru Premr Inc	49.58	51.63*	+0.19	7.41
Pru Smllr Cos	78.54	84.00	+0.29	2.06
Pru Spec Sits	96.00	102.67	+0.92	2.26
Pru UK Grwth	107.10	114.54*	+0.98	2.38
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	150.27	161.23	+1.38	3.73
NC Japan	218.21	233.84	-2.75	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.33	98.34	+1.73	2.56
NC Americas Inc	472.92	507.09	-0.12	0.57
-do- Acc	549.30	588.99	-0.14	0.57
NC Smlr UK Cos	246.29	268.14*	-1.15	1.89
NC European	250.56	267.05	+0.43	1.53
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.93	77.58	-0.27	3.94
Capital Units	138.80	147.60	+1.20	1.51
Commodity	95.32	101.40*	...	1.32
European Gth	149.60	159.10	+1.40	1.45
Financial Sec	164.80	175.30	+1.80	2.03
High Return	207.30	220.50	+2.70	4.93
High Yield	202.20	215.10	+2.50	4.44
Income Units	106.50	113.20*	-0.50	5.18
Investment	165.40	175.90	+1.10	1.57
Japan Gth	113.40	120.60	-1.90	...
Japan Smaller	154.80	164.60	-2.20	...
Masterfund	43.93	46.73	..	1.03
Scotbits	239.70	255.00	+2.50	2.17
Scotshares	244.40	260.00	+0.80	2.72
Scotyields	215.50	229.20*	+2.90	4.06
Select Intl	124.80	132.50	+0.30	0.70
Smaller Cos	207.50	220.70	+0.40	4.68
Special Situation	104.90	111.50	+0.40	0.81
UK Equity	216.90	230.70*	+2.90	3.05
US Growth	141.00	150.00*	-0.40	0.30
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	241.35	257.43	...	0.70
-do- Acc	260.73	278.11	...	0.70
Australian	128.91	137.50*	...	0.25
-do- Acc	151.05	161.12	...	0.25
UK Enterprise	197.07	210.20*	...	3.10
-do- Acc	227.65	242.81	...	3.10
European Gth	61.50	65.59*	...	1.33
-do- Acc	63.66	67.89	...	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	55.82	59.54*	...	0.69
-do- Acc	56.21	59.94	...	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	64.32	68.60*	...	...
-do- Acc	65.44	69.80	...	...
Fixed Interest	53.16	56.06	...	8.70
-do- Acc	63.66	67.16	...	8.70
Gilt Income	105.10	110.75	...	8.55
-do- Acc	142.10	149.73	...	8.55
Income	294.84	314.49	...	4.56
-do- Acc	853.99	910.94	...	4.56
Japan Enterprise	52.46	55.95	...	...
-do- Acc	52.46	55.95	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	334.90	357.22*	...	...
-do- Acc	335.57	357.93	...	...
Pacific Gth	82.84	88.36*	...	0.54
-do- Acc	85.43	91.12	...	0.54
Smaller Cos	180.64	192.68*	...	1.30
-do- Acc	207.02	220.82	...	1.30
Tokyo	84.46	90.09	...	...
-do- Acc	85.31	91.00	...	...
UK Equity	197.71	210.89*	...	3.26
-do- Acc	366.14	390.54	...	3.26
US Smllr Cos	126.10	134.50	...	...
-do- Acc	126.10	134.50	...	...
World Fd	67.43	71.92*	...	1.74
-do- Acc	71.16	75.90	...	1.74
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.12	44.86	+0.34	4.36
Equity Strategy	60.67	64.61	+0.28	1.86
European Opps	71.35	75.99	+0.70	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.77	100.35	+0.04	5.65
UK Smaller Cos	42.08	50.14	-0.08	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.50	358.60	+3.00	3.02
American	249.50	265.00	-0.90	0.95
Pacific	291.40	311.70	-1.40	0.89
European	450.60	481.90	-0.30	1.26
Worldwide	76.04	81.33	+0.29	1.41
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.40	316.40	+3.20	2.91
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.20	202.40	-0.30	2.80
European	328.70	349.70	+3.40	1.96
North American	253.20	269.40	-0.80	0.41
Income Plus Inc	62.05	66.02*	+0.51	3.99
UK Spec Sits	63.86	67.96*	+0.90	2.55
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.63	26.36	+0.28	3.29
Intl Growth Acc	27.37	29.30	+0.02	1.18
Global Inc Acc	30.46	32.60	+0.16	4.14
Market Ldrs Acc	25.26	27.04*	+0.23	3.12
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	82.64	88.39*	-0.14	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.07	45.78	+0.22	...
-do- Acc	45.61	48.47	+0.23	...
Far East Opps	30.05	32.19	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	30.98	33.07	-0.16	...
General Growth	97.03	103.00	+0.90	2.41
Global Tech	116.30	125.70	-0.40	...
Income Growth	97.13	104.40	+0.90	3.94
Income Monthly	55.73	59.60	+0.21	5.28
Japan Growth	65.28	69.42	-1.23	...
Overseas Gth	72.78	77.47	-0.45	...
Smaller Cos	68.21	73.34	+0.26	1.93
Special Opps	95.77	102.90*	+0.50	2.03
Wld Spec Sits	43.95	47.34*	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	44.05	47.44*	-0.15	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.75	45.43	+0.50	1.91
Equity Gth Acc	57.37	60.96	+0.60	1.28

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	41.30	43.69	-0.50	2.44
-do- Acc	54.20	57.59	-0.70	2.44
European Acc	41.51	44.11	+0.70	[illegible]
Far East Acc	48.72	51.77	+0.70	[illegible]
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.57	32.33	+0.10	[illegible]
N American Acc	45.39	48.23	-0.30	[illegible]
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	264.40	282.60	-2.70	1.75
UK Eq High Inc	34.15	36.22	+0.40	4.01
-do- Acc	40.03	42.54	+0.50	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.50	301.70	+3.70	3.47
UK Lgr Cos Acc	364.70	395.80	+4.90	3.47
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$283.35	N$283.55	.	[illegible]
US Eq	$2.006	$2.013	.	0.71
Far East Eq	Y193.3	Y205.3	..	
Japan Eq	Y197.9	Y210.2	..	
FT Europe	112.80	119.80	...	1.67
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.805	..	0.64
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.1	.	
FT Asia Ex Jap	118.40	125.70	..	1.11
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	354.20	376.30	-0.70	0.39
British	902.70	955.10*	-7.60	4.72
European	373.80	398.10	-3.40	1.60
Japan	119.90	127.50	-1.80	...
New Pacific	287.40	306.10	-0.20	1.35
Mngd Cash	96.02	96.02	...	5.24
Majority Stg	100.22	101.22	-0.02	5.91
Inv Tst	178.30	189.00*	-0.10	2.03
Saints PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	711.30	760.80	+9.60	2.35
N America Acc	113.00	120.90	-0.30	0.09
Far East Acc	109.60	117.20	-1.00	..
W wide Bond	63.38	67.28	-0.49	5.63
European	81.66	87.34	+0.29	0.67
Equity Income	79.25	84.76	+0.83	3.90
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.91	37.34	-0.15	0.00
Managed Assets	115.46	123.49	+0.92	3.99
UK Income	35.57	38.05	+0.44	3.90
UK Growth	35.41	37.88	+0.44	3.00
Worldwide Gth	29.24	31.28	-0.06	0.63
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	204.28	217.32	-0.70	0.19
-do- Acc	224.37	238.69	-0.76	0.19
British Gth	83.89	89.03	+0.15	2.25
-do- Acc	97.55	103.78	+0.18	2.25
European	91.53	97.37*	-0.49	1.17
-do- Acc	96.54	102.70	-0.52	1.17
Extra Inc	176.52	187.78	-0.82	4.40
-do- Acc	281.57	299.54	-1.30	4.40
General Unit	255.55	271.86*	-0.29	2.67
-do- Acc	504.25	536.44*	-0.57	2.67
Income	311.28	331.15	+0.11	3.94
-do- Acc	634.03	674.50	+0.23	3.94
International	478.12	508.64	-2.76	0.66
-do- Acc	624.98	664.87	-3.61	0.66
Pacific	318.31	338.63	+0.26	0.04
-do- Acc	331.57	354.65	+0.28	0.04
Premier Income	50.59	52.70*	+0.14	7.79
-do- Acc	103.91	108.24*	+0.29	7.79
Nat Resources	91.06	96.87	-2.00	0.96
-do- Acc	99.85	106.22	+2.19	0.96
Selected Opps	90.52	96.30	-0.24	1.26
-do- Acc	113.04	120.25	-0.30	1.26
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	125.00	133.70	-0.20	0.23
Australia	7.311	7.84*	+0.191	1.02
Equity	177.70	190.20	+0.90	4.49
Euro Spec Sits	142.40	151.30	+0.60	0.57
Financial	38.09	40.70	+0.03	2.78
Global Opps Inc	86.99	93.16	-0.06	2.16
-do- Acc	90.17	96.56	-0.06	2.16
Gold Gen Inc	40.88	43.80	-0.44	1.00
-do- Acc	78.00	83.60	-0.80	1.00
Income	115.20	123.30*		[illegible]
Japan General	124.00	131.90	-1.60	...
Preference	21.94	23.60	-0.01	7.68
UK Capital	100.70	107.60*	+0.50	3.14
Worldwide Cap	194	207.30	+0.90	3.10
World Income	82.26	87.60	+0.32	3.47
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	71.41	76.17*	+0.03	..
-do- Acc	73.66	78.57*	+0.03	..
Cash	51.37	51.37	+0.02	6.24
-do- Acc	61.13	61.13	+0.02	6.24
European Opps	62.94	67.04	+0.32	0.44
-do- Acc	63.60	67.74	+0.32	0.44
Far East Opps	137.47	146.63	-0.77	0.66
-do- Acc	140.68	150.05	-0.79	0.66
Gold/Nat Res	38.11	40.65*	-0.80	..
-do- Acc	39.20	41.81*	-0.81	..
Japan	63.24	67.38	-1.17	..
-do- Acc	63.24	67.38	-1.17	..
Little Dragons	66.11	70.51	-0.21	0.71
-do- Acc	67.82	72.34	-0.21	0.71
Oriental Income	40.56	43.26	-0.22	3.68
-do- Acc	51.19	54.60	-0.28	3.68
Tiger	208.11	221.98	-1.68	1.19
-do- Acc	217.68	232.19	-1.76	1.19
UK Small Cos	68.38	73.13*	+0.98	2.23
-do- Acc	79.64	85.17*	+1.14	2.23
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	218.20	232.70	+1.90	4.44
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	11.63	12.37	-0.17	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.42	32.36	-0.19	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.91	40.32	-0.08	0.10
Global Bond	$0.946	$0.965	-0.013	7.25
Penny Share	20.22	21.51	-0.02	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.24	52.24	.	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.81	68.50	+0.24	..
Gilt Income	52.80	54.94	+0.19	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	110.00	111.50	+0.20	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.712	$0.721	+0.000	...
Challenger	94.36	96.56	-0.22	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0795 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	65.69	69.88	+0.56	2.36

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.



FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	4,800	Coats Viyella	423	Legal & Gn	904	Scot & New	2,200
Alld-Lyons	338	Cm Union	2,300	Lloyds Bk	1,200	Scot Power	3,000
Anglian W	627	Courtaulds	504	MB Cardn	539	Sears	2,200
Argyll Gp	796	De La Rue	684	Marks Spr	3,800	Svrn Trent	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	679	Eng China C	463	NFC	2,500	Shell Trans	5,500
AB Foods	233	Enterpr Oil	1,100	NatWst Bk	2,600	Siebe	499
BAA	1,600	Fisons	3,900	Nat Power	1,300	SmKl Bch	1,400
BAT Inds	4,600	Forte	926	Nth Wst W	1,100	Smith Nph	851
BOC	381	GRE	1,800	Nthrn Fds	1,000	Smith (WH)	843
BP	6,400	GUS A	1,300	P & O	1,100	Sthrn Elec	650
BT	3,200	Gen Acc	751	Pearson	359	Std Chartd	668
BTR	3,200	Gen Elec	947	PowerGen	1,800	Sun Allnce	5,300
Bk of Scot	1,700	Glaxo	2,900	Prudential	1,100	TI Gp	2,000
Barclays	3,900	Granada	2,100	RTZ	792	TSB	1,900
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	2,800	Rank Org	916	Tate & Lyle	2,500
Blue Circle	823	Guinness	2,400	Reckitt Col	1,000	Tesco	2,700
Boots	1,000	HSBC	1,000	Redland	915	Thames W	1,100
Bowater	1,300	Hanson	4,700	Reed Intl	516	Thrn EMI	563
Brit Airwys	439	ICI	4,600	Rentokil	641	Tomkins	1,200
Brit Gas	11,000	Inchcape	707	Reuters	175	Unilever	2,500
Brit Steel	2,800	Kingfisher	268	Rothmans	497	Utd Bisc	773
Burmah Cast	264	Kwik Save	129	Ryl Ins	2,300	Vodafone	1,800
Cable Wire	1,200	LASMO	1,500	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600	Wellcome	1,100
Cadbury	3,900	Ladbroke	1,700	Sainsbury	1,500	Whitbd 'A'	808
Carlton Cm	1,600	Land Secs	1,200	Scot Hydro	514	Wlms Hld	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3380.54 (+9.73)
S&P Composite 443.76 (+0.38)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16879.60 (-73.75)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6398.82 (+46.83)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 99.9 (same)

Sydney: AO 1639.3 (+29.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1700.95 (+16.60)

FT 30 share: 2225.5 (+17.1)

Brussels:
General 5979.46 (+12.49)

Paris: CAC 529.85 (+12.31)

Zurich: SKA Gen 479.1 (+3.6)

London:
FT A All-Share 1403.48 (+6.95)
FT 500 1540.68 (+7.29)
FT Gold Mines 91.7 (-1.5)
FT Fixed Interest 112.19 (-0.15)
FT Govt Secs 97.06 (-0.35)
Bargains 33426
SEAQ Volume 535.1m
USM (Datastrm) 131.43 (+0.90)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 1/3/93: Avesco, Berisford Int, GEC, Lon Fin & Inv, MGM, NMC, Queens Moat, Riva, Richmond Oil & Gas, Sutcliffe Speakman, Tadpole Tech, Taylor Woodrow. Put: Proteus Intl. Puts & Calls: NMC, Premier Cons Oil, Tadpole Tech.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 54809)	Mar 93	2877.0	2898.0	2873.0	2891.0	7501
	Jun 93	2894.0	2912.5	2894.0	2907.5	1080
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 289850)	Mar 93	94.09	94.11	94.05	94.06	9790
	Jun 93	94.63	94.66	94.60	94.61	13409
	Sep 93	94.77	94.79	94.74	94.75	3277
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 23891)	Mar 93	96.77	96.78	96.77	96.78	805
	Jun 93	96.65	96.69	96.64	96.69	543
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 472986)	Mar 93	92.08	92.10	92.01	92.04	18207
	Jun 93	93.05	93.10	93.03	93.07	35334
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 353)	Mar 93	111-05	111-28	111-02	111-27	58
	Jun 93				110-18	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 85603)	Mar 93	105-00	105-11	104-30	105-11	9744
	Jun 93	105-19	106-10	105-19	106-07	25220
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	111.45	111.45	111.45	111.49	1
	Jun 93	110.85	110.89	110.76	110.82	591
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 144201)	Mar 93	95.31	95.80	95.31	95.70	53260
	Jun 93	95.85	96.24	95.85	96.14	33556
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 17693)	Mar 93	90.68	90.70	90.65	90.68	483
	Jun 93	91.69	91.73	91.69	91.71	556
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 50185)	Mar 93	94.67	94.74	94.67	94.73	1768
	Jun 93	95.33	95.46	95.33	95.46	3648
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 43927)	Mar 93	96.00	96.31	95.95	96.25	18916
	Jun 93	96.00	96.27	95.91	96.20	1491

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 77.1 (day's range 76.9-77.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6657-2.6725	2.6666-2.6691	[illegible]	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	48.74-48.95	48.78-48.86	10-15ds	32-40ds
Copenhagen	9.0800-9.1230	9.1040-9.1230	21-14ds	35-28ds
Dublin	0.9750-0.9775	0.9752-0.9770	60-69ds	164-188ds
Frankfurt	2.3698-2.3760	2.3701-2.3724	[illegible]	1¼-1⅜ds
Lisbon	216.90-217.95	217.58-217.95	176-200ds	474-528ds
Madrid	169.12-170.50	169.71-170.50	153-169ds	365-397ds
Milan	2252.80-2279.10	2252.80-2260.80	9-12ds	29-32ds
Montreal	1.7985-1.8049	1.7988-1.8009	0.14-0.09pr	0.17-0.06pr
New York	1.4345-1.4420	1.4395-1.4400	0.40-0.38pr	1.01-0.98pr
Oslo	10.0700-10.1140	10.0950-10.1140	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.0090-8.0610	8.0500-8.0610	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.1790-11.2610	11.2410-11.2610	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	170.09-170.83	170.43-170.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.64-16.73	16.66-16.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.1956-2.2018	2.1973-2.1996	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4387-1.4412
Australia dollar	2.0398-2.0427
Bahrain dinar	0.5355-0.5475
Brazil cruzeiro *	28874.5-28895.5
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland markka	8.537-8.653
Greece drachma	317.5-324.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.1316-11.1409
India rupee	45.31-48.23
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4365-0.4465
Malaysia ringgit	3.7880-3.7929
Mexico peso	4.38-4.48
New Zealand dollar	2.7263-2.7334
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3245-5.4505
Singapore dollar	2.3673-2.3704
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5065-6.5805
S Africa rand (com)	4.5315-4.5360
U A E dirham	5.213-5.337

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.417-1.418
Austria	11.60-11.62
Belgium (Com)	33.96-34.00
Canada	1.2540-1.2545
Denmark	6.325-6.335
France	5.606-5.611
Germany	1.649-1.650
Hong Kong	7.733-7.734
Ireland	1.474-1.476
Italy	1575.0-1580.0
Japan	118.62-118.67
Malaysia	2.6315-2.6330
Netherlands	1.8555-1.8565
Norway	7.0135-7.0235
Portugal	151.15-151.35
Singapore	1.6445-1.6455
Spain	117.9-118.4
Sweden	7.8095-7.8195
Switzerland	1.5285-1.5295

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low [illegible] Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.20-3.17	3.42-3.39
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 26, 1993 Agreed rates Mar 24, 1993 to Apr 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.35%. Schemes II & III: 7.47%. Reference rate Jan 30, 1993 to Feb 26, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.228%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $328.70-329.10 Close: $328.40-328.90 High: $329.40-329.90
Low: $327.70-328.20 Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£226.00-228.00)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£52.00-54.00) New $78.50-81.50 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $346.90 (£241.40) Silver: $3.60 (£2.495) Palladium: $103.25 (£71.85)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	52	64	72	5	19	24
(*595)	600	19	32	45	22	43	48
ASDA	57	10	13	15	2½	5½	6
(*63½)	67	3½	8½	11	6	10½	12
Bass	550	43	57	72	8	22	28
(*583)	600	15	29	45	32	45	53
Boots	460	43	52	59	5	17	21
(*494½)	500	16	27	37	21	36	40
Br Airways	280	21	29	34	9	20	24
(*291)	300	10½	19	25	18	31	35
BP	240	30	43	47	2	6	8½
(*275)	260	22	29	34	5	12½	16
	280	9½	19	24	14	22	26
Br Steel	80	6½	11	14	6½	10	12
(*82½)	90	3	7½	10½	12	16½	18½
C & W	700	52	68	82	9	25	34
(*736½)	750	23	40	56	30	49	58
CU	580	31	50	58	13	22	34
(*597½)	620	8½	26	34	40	47	60
Courtauld	550	38	51	63	11	27	35
(*571½)	600	12	27	39	37	55	60
GKN	460	17	30	36	21	30	39
(*468)	500	5	15	22	51	57	65
Grnd Met	420	42	55	63	5	16	23
(*452½)	460	16	32	41	22	35	42
ICI	1050	160	162	160	7	27	45
(*1209)	1100	110	122	130	18	42	64
	1150	65	92	104	37	64	90
Kingfishr	535	29	42	50	13	33	40
(*545½)	584	8	22	39	45	63	67
Ladbroke	180	21	29	34	7½	14	20
(*195)	200	10	17	25	18	26	31
Land Sec	460	29	35	41	5	19	22
(*483½)	500	7	14	21	25	44	45
M & S	300	37	41	47	3	7½	11
(*332)	330	14	21	29	10	19	23
Sainsbury	500	39	50	59	8	18	23
(*525½)	550	12	25	34	29	45	49
Shell	550	28	45	53	8	16	25
(*565½)	600	6	18	26	38	43	51
Smkl Bch	420	45	58	66	5½	15	21
(*456½)	460	18	35	45	20	32	38
Storehse	180	14	22	27	8	16	19
(*183)	200	6	13	18	22	28	32
Trafalgar	70	12	14	18	3	5½	7
(*79)	80	5½	9	12½	6½	11	13
Unilever	1200	48	78	101	22	38	47
(*1231)	1250	21	52	74	48	64	71
Utd Bisc	360	29	34	43	8	15	21
(*385)	390	10	19	27	24	31	36

March 1, 1993 Tot: 17969 Call: 10937 Put: 7032 FT-SE Call: 2686 Put: 2888
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	48	59	74	17	32	37
(*777½)	800	23	34	50	44	57	63
BAT Ind	900	66	80	90	20	30	46
(*961½)	950	35	53	64	44	54	71
BTR	550	25	33	42	18	25	34
(*564)	600	6½	15	22	53	57	65
Br Aero	260	27	41	48	27	33	41
(*258½)	280	19	32	41	35	44	55
Br Telcm	390	43	50	53	4	10	14
(*423½)	420	21	29	35	13	22	27
Cadbury	460	27	39	48	15	22	36
(*482½)	500	9	20	30	39	44	49
Guinness	420	45	52	60	10	16	23
(*450½)	460	20	30	39	29	35	41
GEC	280	25	28	32	6	12	14½
(*295)	300	12	17	21	13½	21	25
Hanson	240	19½	23	25½	5½	9½	13
(*252½)	260	8½	12½	15½	15	20	23½
LASMO	160	25	32	35	8	12½	19
(*180)	180	14	20	26	18	22	28
Lucas	130	18	23	27	8	14	18
(*140½)	140	12	18	22	12	16	23
P & O	500	72	75	82	15	25	37
(*562)	550	35	45	52	39	50	63
Pilkington	100	16	19	24	5	8	12
(*109½)	110	11	14	19	9½	15	17
Prudential	300	27	32	37	10	15	20
(*323½)	330	10	17	23	26	30	36
RTZ	650	44	62	74	23	34	45
(*677½)	700	17	36	50	52	62	70
Scot New	420	34	44	48	12	25	29
(*445)	460	14	24	29	35	48	50
Tesco	220	27	30	36	6½	11	15
(*239)	240	13	19	24	16	20	24
Thames W	500	36	42	48	11	22	26
(*521½)	550	11	17	24	38	51	54
Vodafone	390	28	36	47	17	26	32
(*391½)	420	14½	23	35	35	43	50

FT-SE INDEX (*2880)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Mar	199	152	107	64	33	15
Apr	198	157	118	90	61	39
May	213	175	139	107	85	60
Jun	226	190	168	130	100	80
Dec	302	-	245	-	190	-
Puts						
Mar	4	6	11½	26	49	83
Apr	13	20	30	50	70	102
May	27	37	47	64	86	154
Jun	35	50	62	75	102	126
Dec	85	-	115	-	155	-

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	390	13	24	33	15	25	32
(*390)	420	3½	13	20	38	44	50
Amstrad	25	4½	6	7½	1	2	3
(*28)	30	1½	3½	4½	4	4½	6
Barclays	420	15	26	34	22	34	46
(*423½)	460	3	12	21	57	62	72
Blue Circ	220	15	23	30	7½	18	25
(*227)	240	6	15	22	20	31	37
Br Gas	280	25	29	32	1½	7½	12
(*301)	300	9	15	20	6	18	20
	330	1½	5	10	29	39	39
Dixons	200	24	34	39	4	9	16
(*222½)	220	12	22	26	9	17	25
Eurotnl	500	32	57	75	15	38	53
(*515)	550	9	33	52	48	70	82
Forte	180	20	25	30	4½	14	18
(*195)	200	7	14	21	11	25	29
Glaxo	600	70	92	112	4	18	28
(*665½)	650	32	61	82	16	36	49
	700	11	39	59	44	64	75
HSBC	550	57	65	80	5½	22	33
(*600)	600	22	38	55	19	43	58
Hillsdwn	140	22	25	28	2½	8	10
(*161)	160	8	13	18	7	18	23
Lonrho	80	11	16	19	2	6	9
(*89)	90	5	10	14	6	11	14
Reuter	1350	52	94	125	32	65	87
(*1391)	1400	25	71	99	62	93	115
R-Royce	130	8½	13	17½	5	11½	14½
(*132)	140	4	8	13½	10	17½	20
Sears	90	12	13	16	2	5	7
(*99)	100	4½	7½	11	5	9½	13
Thrn Emi	800	65	86	94	3½	13	29
(*858½)	850	26	94	62	14	31	52
TSB	160	16	22	27	3	7½	13
(*172)	180	5½	12	17	13	18	23
Vaal Reefs	35	5	6	7	1½	3	4
(*37)	40	3½	4½	5	4½	6	7
Wellcome	850	47	75	99	11	37	52
(*878)	900	20	48	72	35	62	75
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	220	23	34	41	12	25	31
(*227½)	240	13	25	33	24	36	42
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastrn Elc	420	53	60	63	6	15	19
(*458½)	460	25	34	40	19	33	38
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Nat Pwr	300	23	32	38	3½	9	16
(*318)	330	5½	15	21	16	23	31
Scot Pwr	220	12½	19½	23	2½	6½	14
(*230)	240	2½	9½	13	13	17	25

COMMODITIES

REPORT: London coffee and cocoa limped to a close, little changed from midday and lamenting the delayed opening of their New York counterparts. Cocoa was still showing marginal gains in nearby months after recouping early losses by midday. Sugar was also quiet, where traders were awaiting New York after an early close due to the bombing in the World Trade Centre on Friday.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	737-736	May	821-818
May	751-750	Jul	834-832
Jul	761-760	Sep	849-847
Sep	771-770	Dec	873-871
Dec	787-786		
Mar	806-804		Volume: 2414

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	920-915	Nov	913-905
May	916-915	Jan	921-905
Jul	886-885	Mar	933-915
Sep	900-896		Volume: 1463

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	196.0-92.0
Spot 214.9		Mar	unq
May	220.0-16.0	May	200.0-98.0
Aug	224.0-22.0	Aug	unq
Oct	203.0-01.0		Volume: 4

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	253.5-52.0
Spot 276.0		Mar	252.5-49.0
May	272.5-71.5	May	255.5-50.0
Aug	273.0-71.5	Aug	260.0-52.0
Oct	254.5-53.0		Volume: 161

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.31	121.19	131.60
(+/-)	+6.91	-9.66	-4.84
Eng/Wales:	91.57	120.99	131.75
(+/-)	+7.02	-9.81	-4.88
(%)	-15.2	-22.6	-26.0
Scotland:	84.15	122.45	130.05
(+/-)	+3.21	-9.56	-4.10
(%)	-28.4	-53.6	-44.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	109.0	105.0	May	unq	unq
Apr	109.0	109.0		Volume: 20	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	147.45
May	148.05
Jun	149.25
Sep	110.50
Nov	112.15
Volume:	213

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	142.90
May	143.90
Sep	107.90
Nov	110.00
Jan	113.75
Volume:	122

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	151.00
Jun	143.80
Aug	144.50
Oct	147.80
Dec	unq
Volume:	20

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	43.0	43.2
May	45.0	44.7
Apr	96.0	97.0
Volume: 205		

RUBBER No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Apr 67.50-67.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): NYMEX had a shortened session because of Friday's bomb in New York. Prices were firmer in light trade.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.95	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	19.00	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.95	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.60	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.65	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (+1)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	176 (+1)	177 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	178 (+2)	179 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	177 (+2)	178 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	73 (+2)	74 (+1)
Naphtha	175 (n/c)	176 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	175.25-75.50	Jun	174.50-74.75
Apr	175.00-75.25	Jul	175.50-75.75
May	174.50-74.75	Aug	177.50-77.75
			Vol: 11549

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.95-18.96	Jul	19.06-19.08
May	19.00-19.01	Aug	19.08 BID
Jun	19.05-19.06		Vol: 18195

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	187.00-88.00	Jun	200.00-03.00
Apr	196.00-97.00	Jul	198.50-211.0
May	198.00-99.00		Vol: 204

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 93	1365	1355	1355
Apr 93	1362	1355	1355
May 93	1342	1330	1330
Jul 93			1188

Vol: 90 lots. Open int'st: 2455 Index 1370 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1485.0-1485.5	1509.5-1510.0	847000
Lead (£/tonne)	283.75-284.00	293.50-394.00	73350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	999.5-1000.0	1016.0-1017.0	441725
Tin ($/tonne)	5730.0-5731.0	5790.0-5795.0	7010
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1184.5-1185.5	1207.0-1207.5	524950
Nickel ($/tonne)	5950.0-5955.0	6010.0-6011.0	45792

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Research suggests a confession by itself should not be admissable, writes **Michael McConville**



MICHAEL POWELL

How it should be done: police officers in a mock interview question a women in the presence of a solicitor, left, at an east London police station

Wanted: more detection, less interrogation

One of the key issues now being addressed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is that of confession evidence. It is one of the hardest nettles the commission has to grasp: conflicting and persuasive views have come from across the legal profession.

Recent notorious miscarriages of justice serve to underline that in England and Wales, in contrast to many other jurisdictions, including Scotland, there is no legal hindrance to the criminal conviction of a defendant on the basis of a confession alone. This is true whether or not a defendant disputes the authenticity or reliability of the confession, or seeks to retract it at trial.

Attempts at reform, fuelled by concerns over false confessions, have been frustrated by two powerful and inter-related claims. First, that the police are forced to rely upon confessions in many cases because no other evidence is available. Second, that any requirement that confessions be supported by corroborative evidence would inevitably lead to large numbers of guilty people escaping conviction in serious cases. To date, in the absence of any factual grounding to the debate, these assertions have been enough to keep in place the rule on confession evidence.

However, research published today in *Corroboration and Confessions* (The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, Research Study No 13) recommends that the rule should now be overturned in the interest of justice.

On the face of things, the facts might be thought to provide support for maintenance of the status quo. The research strikingly confirms the dependence of the police upon interrogation. Indeed, in 90 per cent of all cases (the exceptions primarily consisting of drunkenness and public order offences), questioning was the principal method used to gather evidence against the suspect. Moreover, the emphasis upon interrogation appears to be justified, with six out of every ten suspects making a confession of guilt.

Appearances, however, can be deceptive. While an admission may be important in individual cases, confessions tend to be made where the evidence already heavily implicates the suspect. In other words, the causal relationship is the reverse of that which is usually claimed: confessions rarely make strong cases; rather, strong cases tend to produce confessions.

> 'Police admit privately that some confessions were obtained in breach of existing protective rules'

The research suggests that some of the lessons to be learnt from wrongful convictions based upon confessions have not been lost on the police. In almost nine out of every ten confession cases studied, the prosecution case was supported by evidence from an independent source, such as a civilian witness or scientific material. To a large extent, therefore, police practice already conforms to the demands of a corroboration rule.

Moreover, in most of the remaining cases, the police could, if required, produce corroborative evidence. We can be confident of this because in some cases they already possess scientific material (such as fingerprints) which, to save time and money, they do not process in the forensic laboratories. Furthermore, in other cases, they could easily acquire the necessary evidence (such as witness statements) by using routine investigative strategies.

If it seems unnecessary to put the police to the extra trouble and expense of obtaining this additional evidence, consideration of private police accounts of these cases shows otherwise.

In these accounts, which are never placed before a court, the defendants are variously described as "slow", "backward", "doolally", "of inadequate personality", and "depressed" — exactly the sorts of characteristics so clearly associated with false or dubious confessions.

Since none of the defendants had been interviewed in the presence of a legal representative, and some of the confessions had been obtained — on the private admission of the police themselves — in breach of existing protective rules, a requirement of independent evidence appears to be an essential safeguard against wrongful conviction. Additional training for the police and increased funding for the forensic science services would be a small price to pay for this added safety net.

Apart from these cases, however, there remained a tiny group of cases (ten of the 524 analysed) in which a conviction in court was dependent upon a confession, and in which no amount of effort on the part of the police would have been able to produce corroboration.

In the view both of the police and the courts, none of these cases was of a serious nature. They involved petty infractions against property, resulting in small fines, apart from one case where a probation order was made.

The evidential weakness in these cases could be directly attributed to the way they first came to light: through information supplied by paid police informants or alleged accomplices; through speculative arrests, or through defendants turning themselves in. The public interest could be secured here without having to keep such cases in the criminal justice system, with all the expenditure in time and money that involves.

Looked at as a whole, the findings of the research tell compellingly in favour of a decisive move away from reliance upon custodial confessions. The public policy considerations which would be assisted by such a reform include: a reduction in miscarriages of justice based upon false or unreliable confessions, and an increase in police motivation, skills and professionalism.

In short, a corroboration rule would serve the public interest by changing police officers from interrogators to detectives.

● *Professor McConville is director of the Legal Research Institute at the University of Warwick.*

End this purposeless immigration rule

Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane (later the Lord Chief Justice) said in 1977 that the immigration rules "are very difficult to categorise or classify. They are in a class of their own." Within this unusual legal species, the rules relating to the primary purpose of a marriage are all too easy to describe: they are grossly unfair and lead to a quantity of human misery that more than outweighs any mischief which they prevent.

The "primary purpose rule" states that a person seeking admission to the United Kingdom as the spouse or fiancé(e) of a person settled here is to be refused leave to enter, or an extension of stay, unless the secretary of state is satisfied that the primary purpose of the marriage was not to obtain admission to the UK. It does not suffice that the happy couple intend to live together permanently as man and wife.

Because of widespread criticism of the content and application of this immigration rule, Young Justice, the young lawyers' section of the leading law reform organisation, asked a committee to investigate and report. I chaired the committee. The other members, all of whom are lawyers with considerable experience of representing clients (immigrants and the Home Office) in this area, were Nicholas Blake, Sharon Persaud, Dinah Rose, Mark Shaw and Rabinder Singh.



COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

Last week, Justice published our report, *The primary purpose rule: a rule with no purpose* (£2.50). We conclude that the argument for repeal of the rule is overwhelming. We recommend its immediate abolition. The case for reform is made more pressing by the fact that the asylum and immigration appeals bill will, despite the efforts of Lord Ackner and Lord Woolf, remove the right to appeal to an independent adjudicator against a refusal of leave to enter the UK.

The primary purpose rule deals with a rare mischief. Even in its absence, a passenger seeking admission to the UK as the spouse or the fiancé(e) of someone settled here has to satisfy the immigration authorities that the parties to the marriage have the intention of living *permanently* with each other as man and wife.

As Mr Justice Simon Brown explained in a 1987 judgment, there is an "intrinsic improbability that any two people will bind and commit themselves together for life in marriage with all that implies primarily in order to achieve the husband's settlement in the United Kingdom".

The rule is impossible to apply fairly. People have many reasons for marrying, many of them far from rational, some of them not susceptible to logical analysis. Lord Justice Bowen's 1885 dictum, "the state of a man's mind is as much a fact as the state of his digestion", seems especially unrealistic in this context. However hard they try, entry clearance officers are unlikely to understand the complex social reasons why two people from different cultures have decided to marry. There is a high probability of error in the taking of decisions in such a personal context.

The rule produces considerable human misery. Those to whom it is applied simply cannot understand why they should be forced to choose between their spouses and their countries; why their private motives for marrying should be subjected to suspicion and to minute analysis; how they are expected to articulate to the satisfaction of strangers in an interview (or even worse in a public hearing) their emotional and private reasons for deciding to spend their life with a particular person; and how a legal system that claims to respect human dignity should tolerate the pronouncement of adjudications that assess, by reference to the physical and other characteristics of the husband or wife, whether anyone could *choose* to marry this appellant, or this sponsor, for a reason other than securing admission to the UK.

The rule is now subject to a substantial exception which undermines any utility it may have had. The 1992 judgment of the European Court of Justice in the case of *Surinder Singh* prevents the Home Office from applying the rule to prevent the entry into the UK of a couple (one of whom is a British citizen) who have lived together in another Member state of the European Community and are exercising community law rights to travel to the UK.

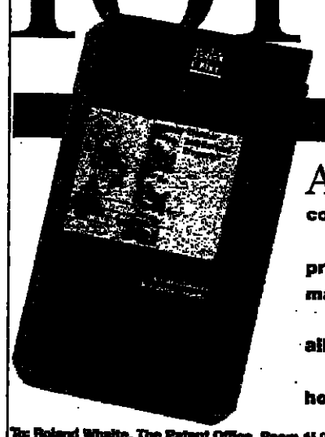
In addition, the Home Office announced last June that it will not apply the primary purpose rule where a marriage is genuine and subsisting, and the couple have been married for at least five years or one or more children of the marriage have the right of abode in the UK.

These limitations on the scope of the rule make its application in other circumstances even more arbitrary. There may be occasional, exceptional cases where two people decide to live together permanently as man and wife as a route into the UK. But any public interest in catching such villains is more than outweighed by the damage to innocent victims, and to the reputation of English law.

The primary purpose immigration rule should be abolished.

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Judges to decide when children are entitled to choose their lawyers

In re S (a Minor) (Representation)
Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Waite
[Judgment February 26]

The Children Act 1989 required a balance to be struck between the principle that children were entitled to have their views seriously considered and the need to protect their interests where they lacked sufficient maturity to appreciate their actual situation.

Where a child applied under rule 9.2A of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247), as amended by the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (SI 1992 No 456), for leave to participate in proceedings without a next friend or guardian *ad litem*, the judge was required to assess the individual child's understanding in the context of the proceedings in which he had applied to take part.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by S from Judge Callman who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, (i) had refused an application by S, who was born in 1981, for leave to conduct the remaining stages of proceedings relating to residence and contact without a guardian *ad litem* and for the removal of the Official Solicitor who had been appointed as his guardian *ad litem* and (ii) had allowed S's parents to be heard on the application for leave.

Mr Roderic Wood for S; Mr Richard H. Bond for the Official Solicitor; Miss Patricia Scotland, QC and Miss Kharin Cox for the mother; the father was neither present for represented.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that every detail of S's care and upbringing had been the subject of continuous acrimonious and persistent litigation between his parents whose views about his future differed radically and irreconcilably.

Unresolved and strongly contested applications were before the court to determine whether he should continue to live with the mother, or whether he should move to the father, and to decide what contact S should have with the parent with whom he did not live.

S had been made a party to the proceedings and the Official Solicitor, appointed as his guardian *ad litem*, had recommended to the court that S should continue to live with the mother with continued but less contact with his father.

The father supported by S, contended that he should live with him. It was that divergence of view between S and his guardian *ad litem* that had given rise to S's appeal.

The proposition that a boy aged 11 should be accorded the full rights of a litigant to intervene in a dispute between his parents about the arrangements best suited to promote his welfare might be surprising to some. But it was said to be justified by the reforms made by the 1989 Act in the law and practice relating to children.

His Lordship referred to the objectives of the 1989 Act and to the 1991 Rules.

Rule 9.2A, as amended, plainly distinguished between two situations: (1) where the minor wished to begin or prosecute proceedings without a next friend or defend them without a guardian *ad litem*, having never had one, and (2) where the minor had a next friend or guardian *ad litem* and wished to continue without.

In the first situation the minor had two routes open to him: (i) to make written or oral request for the court's leave to act on his own: the court was required to grant leave if it considered that he had sufficient understanding to participate in the proceedings without a next friend or guardian *ad litem*; (ii) to instruct a solicitor: but the latter had to consider that the minor was able, having regard to his understanding, to give instructions in relation to the proceedings and had to have accepted those instructions.

In the second situation only one route was open: to make a written or oral request for the court's leave to prosecute or defend the remaining stages without a next friend or guardian *ad litem* and for the removal of the existing one. The court was required to grant leave if it considered that the minor had sufficient understanding to participate in the proceedings without such next friend or guardian *ad litem*. It was that route which S had sought to follow.

Commenting on rule 9.2A, the court considered that:

1 Whereas a solicitor had to consider before accepting instructions that the child was able, having regard to his understanding to give them, the court before granting leave had to consider that the child had sufficient understanding to participate as a party in the proceedings without a next friend or guardian.

Some difference of language was explicable by the difference in the two situations, but the difference was more apparent than real. Save in a relatively straightforward matter or in the case of an older child the court would be unlikely to grant leave unless the child proposed to be legally represented, in which event the real issue would again be whether the child had sufficient understanding to give coherent instructions.

2 The tests in paragraphs (1)(b)(i) and (6) were framed with reference to the child's understanding, not his age. The rule eschewed any arbitrary line of demarcation based on age, and wisely so.

Different children had differing levels of understanding at the same age, and understanding was not an absolute. It had to be assessed relatively to the issues in the proceedings.

Where any sound judgment on the issues called for insight and imagination which only maturity and experience could give, both the court and the solicitor would be slow to conclude that the child's understanding was sufficient.

3 Paragraph (8) made it clear that the court might revoke leave granted under paragraph (1)(a) where it considered that the child's understanding was insufficient to justify the grant of leave. It might take the same action where either of the conditions in paragraph 1(b)(i) and (ii) was no longer fulfilled.

However the rule did not provide what was to happen if the court, having made an order under paragraph (4), thereafter considered that the child lacked the understanding to participate in the proceedings without a next friend or guardian.

The answer seemed to lie, in the case of a guardian, in the court's general power to appoint under rules 4.14(2)(d) and 9.5(1). More importantly, the rule did not clearly provide what was to happen if the solicitor accepted instructions from a child, considering paragraph (1)(b)(i) to be satisfied, when the court took a different view. In such a circumstance the court would be entitled to act under paragraph (10).

4 References in paragraphs (4) and (6) to applying for leave and the removal of the guardian or next friend were to be read conjunctively so that if the court granted leave under paragraph (4), it had also to remove the next friend or guardian.

5 Where the child's request for leave was made in writing before a next friend or guardian were appointed paragraph (3) did not expressly contemplate that other parties would be heard.

The rule prescribed no procedure for ruling on an oral request, but since such an application might be made at any hearing in the proceedings it might be assumed that any other parties would know of it and hear the result.

Where a next friend or guardian had been appointed and the request for leave was made under paragraphs (2) and (4) the procedure was prescribed by paragraph (5).

Where a hearing was to be fixed, the rules only provided that notice of the date be given to the child and next friend or guardian. There was no provision that other parties should be notified or given any opportunity to be heard. It was for that reason that S had argued that his parents should not be heard on his application.

It was apparent that the regime in relation to public law cases contemplated that there would normally be a guardian, that guardian and child might be separately represented, that submissions made on the guardian's behalf were to be directed to the child's best interests and might therefore be different from those made on behalf of the child and that the child's welfare continued to be protected by the guardian.

The court accepted the submission made on the mother's behalf that the Act and rules established different regimes in public and private law cases and that caution was necessary in applying analogies based on the public law regime to that of private law.

The rules could not be construed as implicitly conferring any right on the parents to be heard on S's application. But the judge always had a discretion to hear any party thought to be necessary or desirable in the interests of justice.

The judge here was plainly right to regard the parents as parties whom he should hear and in exercising a discretion not conferred by the rules he in no way laid himself open to criticism.

The 1989 Act enabled and required a judicious balance to be struck between two considerations:

First was the principle that children were human beings with individual minds and wills, views and emotions which should command serious attention. His wishes were not to be discounted simply because he was a child; he was to be free to express them and decision-makers were to listen.

Second was the fact that a child was after all a child. The reason why the law was particularly solicitous in protecting the interests of children was because they were liable to be vulnerable and impressionable, lacking the maturity to weigh the longer term against the shorter, lacking the insight to know how they would react and the imagination to know how others would react in certain situations, lacking the experience to measure the probable against the possible.

Everything depended on the individual child in his actual situation. For purposes of the Act a babe in arms and a sturdy teenager on the verge of adulthood were both children but their positions were quite different. For one the second consideration would be dominant, for the other the first principle would come into its own.

The process of growing up was a continuous one. The judge had to do his best on the evidence to assess the understanding of the individual child in the context of the proceedings in which he sought to participate.

In the present case the judge's conclusion that S lacked sufficient understanding to participate as a party in the emotionally complex and highly fraught proceedings was impregnable.

The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Misheon de Reya; Official Solicitor; Hornby & Levy, Brixton.

Future of open-space exchange land relevant

Greenwich London Borough Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Yates and Others v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Before Mr Justice Hutchison
[Judgment February 19]

A challenge to the grant of a certificate made under section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 was not restricted to procedural matters alone.

In considering whether land to be exchanged for open-space land was equally advantageous it was permissible to have regard to future developments which would affect either piece of land. It was not necessary that there should be precise correspondence between the advantages of each piece of land.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment dismissing applications by (i) Greenwich London Borough Council and (ii) Steven Yates, Margaret Jones, Norah Lawrence, David Black, Clifford Taylor, Ann Townend, Jessica Currie, Antony Taylor and Hugh Beresford-Webb under section 23 of the 1981 Act.

The applicants challenged the decisions of the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Transport on November 20, 1991 to certify under section 19 of the 1981 Act that they were satisfied that there would be given in exchange for open-space land, which included Oxleas Wood, other land which was not less in area and was equally advantageous to such persons as were entitled to rights of common or other rights over that open-space land and to the public.

Section 23 of the 1981 Act provides: "(2) If any person aggrieved by ... (b) a certificate ... desires to question the validity thereof on the ground that any relevant requirement has not been complied with ... he may make an application to the High Court."

Mr Jeremy Morgan for Greenwich; Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the other applicants; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr John Howell for the secretaries of state.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the first issue was the contention by the secretaries of state that the court had no jurisdiction to entertain the applications.

The argument depended upon the proper construction of sections 23 and 24 of the 1981 Act and was that whereas a compulsory purchase order could be challenged either on the ground that the authorisation of compulsory purchase was not empowered to be granted under the Act or that any relevant requirement had not been complied with in relation to the order, a certificate could be challenged only on the latter ground.

It was said that, since no assertion was made of the omission of any proper procedural step, there was no jurisdiction in the court to entertain the challenge.

If that issue was determined adversely to the secretaries of state could they, as a matter of law, be satisfied under section 19(1) and certify accordingly, where the land which would be given in exchange was not, at the date of the certificate or at the date when it would be given in exchange, equally advantageous to the public?

Further, what had to be shown to establish that the exchange land was "equally advantageous"? Did it mean like for like, woodland for woodland, or was it permissible to balance loss of one sort with advantage of another?

On the jurisdiction issue his Lordship could see no good reason for construing the words "any relevant requirement" in section 23 as applying to procedural matters only.

It would be repugnant to common sense and all notions of fairness to attribute to Parliament an intention to preclude a challenge to the issue of a certificate in, for example, a case where the secretary of state had mistakenly found that exchange land equal to only half the area of the order land was not less in area than the order land.

Had Parliament wished to confine challenges to certificates to purely procedural challenges it would have been a simple matter so to provide.

As to the correct interpretation of the requirements of section 19(1) as to the granting of certificates in a case where the exchange land had not yet been given, the appropriate time for the comparison with the order land was, in his Lordship's judgment, the time when the exchange would take place. The secretary of state had to be satisfied that at that date the exchange land was equally advantageous to the users of the order land and the public at large.

It was permissible when deciding whether at the date of exchange the exchange land would be equally advantageous to have regard to predicted developments or future occurrences which it was intended or anticipated would affect either or both parcels.

It was not, however, permissible to approach the equation on the basis that such future developments would result in exchange land, not equally advantageous at the date of exchange, becoming equally advantageous at some future date.

The frame within which equal advantage had to be assessed was that dictated by the nature of the public enjoyment of the order land; but, within that frame, there need not be precise correspondence between the advantages attaching to each parcel.

Solicitors: Mr David N. Atkinson, Woolwich; Bindman & Partners, Camden; Treasury Solicitor.

Unverified record cannot be used in evidence

Regina v Eleftheriou (Costas and Lefteraklis)

When Customs officers, concealed and working in pairs, kept a record of observation of premises by one observing and calling out what he saw and the other writing it down, if there was no verification by the observer of what the writer wrote down, the use by the officers of schedules drawn from those written records for the purposes of refreshing their memory was a material irregularity.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nolan, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas and Mr Justice Colman) so stated on February 18 when giving reasons for allowing, on February 8, the appeals of Costas Xidious Eleftheriou and Lefteraklis Eleftheriou from their convictions on May 29, 1992 at Leicester Crown Court (Judge Brunning and a jury) of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of value-added tax.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that the judge, when rejecting an objection to the officers being allowed to refer to the records to refresh their memories, had said that the entries in the records had been verified as far as they could be in the circumstances.

One of the officers had given evidence that when observing he looked up from time to time and noted his colleague recording a large number of matters and when writing, he wrote down that which was shouted to him. The judge's ruling plainly went too far.

There had been no verification, contemporaneous or otherwise, by the observer of what the writer had written down. The use by the witnesses of schedules drawn from the records for the purposes of refreshing their memory was a material irregularity.

Consent required

J. L. Engineering and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

The reversion to industrial use of land which had been in agricultural use since 1972 constituted development, even though the land had been used for light industrial purposes from before 1948 to 1972.

Sir Graham Eyre, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on February 4 in rejecting appeals against two enforcement notices issued by Warrington Borough Council.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in deciding whether development had taken place it was imperative to consider the nature and character of the use of a site before and after the new development occurred.

The nature and character of the various rights to use land for one purpose as opposed to another was not material to the question whether there had been a change that constituted development and thus required planning permission.

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Postwar Kuwait: corporate claims against Iraq will be processed now but injured individuals have priority for payouts

On the first business day of the new year, a truck drove up to a small villa on the lawns surrounding the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and unloaded 26 boxes of documents, representing the Gulf war claim against Iraq of one Turkish engineering company. It was opening day for corporate claims at the United Nations Compensation Commission.

Already inside the villa were computer tapes with the claims of 400,000 people injured by the Iraqi invasion, which ended almost exactly two years ago this week. Another 100,000 claims were added during January. Millions more are coming. In all, a hundred billion dollars (about £71 billion) in war damages may be claimed.

There has never been a war claims process created entirely by an international legal body. Before it could decide the first claim, the UN commission had to create the legal system from scratch, which it did by backbreaking effort, despite being limited for most of last year to a staff of 11 people, including the receptionist and the messenger.

The humane priority has always been to pay the claims of individuals first. The UN decided early on to make fixed awards on simple terms. Soon it will start matching databases of pre-war residents, exit visas and airline manifests against computer tapes of claims for forced departure.

The commission expects to appoint the first panels for the claims of individuals at its meeting starting on March 29. There will probably be three of these panels, each consisting of three commissioners. Iraq has surprised everyone by co-operating, and submitting its records of foreign workers and of departures through its borders. Iran, too, has supplied border crossing records.

The corporate claims will present the next intellectual challenge: although direct war losses are covered, losses resulting purely from the UN economic embargo of Iraq are not. While the distinction is simple in principle, applying it to actual cases will not be so easy. The first panels of commissioners for corporate and government claims are expected to be appointed later this year.

Since case by case litigation could take centuries, the rules contemplate consideration of questions common to many cases, which will be briefed together. If legal submissions requested from governments, including Iraq, are not made on time, the commissioners will be under orders to proceed without them. There is a 120-day limit to decide submissions on individual cases, six months for all others.

> Iraq has surprised everyone by supplying its records

If the commissioners do not meet their deadlines, the governing council can take the cases away from them. Speedy decisions are therefore expected.

The money to run the commission was supposed to come from UN garnishment of 30 per cent of each Iraqi oil sale. However, because Iraq refused to sell oil, there were no funds available for the commission to hire staff to do the heavy work of claims processing.

Then in October the UN Security Council passed Resolution 778, requiring governments with certain amounts of frozen Iraqi oil or sales proceeds to loan a portion to the UN to fund the operation of the commission, and to pay for humanitarian aid to keep the Kurdish people alive. As a result, in December 1992, the commission received $21 million, which will be enough to operate for the rest of the year, and to purchase the computer systems it needs to process the millions of claims. The contract for the interim computer system went to Systems House, a British-Canadian company. The compensation fund, which will receive the oil sale proceeds and disburse awards, will be administered by Rabobank, in Utrecht.

Although the commission is up and running, Iraq will have to sell oil again, in order to pay the claims awards. The Iraqis have not sold oil in more than two years, other than the trickle they are allowed to deliver to Jordan.

When oil sales are resumed, the commission's priorities for payment will put injured people, a great many of whom are Muslims from Muslim countries, ahead of commercial claimants, many of whom are Western enterprises. An Egyptian construction worker will therefore be likely to have his award paid before that of a Western construction company.

Those who believe that the UN is being too tough on Iraq because it is a Muslim country might consider this fact.

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A breach in the Great Wall

The first British law firms have been allowed to open offices in Peking

The sweet and sour relationship between Britain and China took several new turns last week. The constitutional negotiations in Hong Kong became even more acid as the British government appeared to lose patience with Peking.

At the commercial level there was a contrasting flavour. On Thursday evening the law firm Denton Hall hosted a large reception in London for Zheng Jinjiong, the minister counsellor of the Chinese embassy. And a few hours later Lovell White Durrant took over the State Guest House in Peking to host a similar entertainment for the Chinese deputy minister of justice and other government figures.

Both events were celebrating the opening of new offices in Peking. Only four Western law firms have been awarded licences to operate representative offices in the capital (more than 40 applied). The success of the two London firms shows clearly that the Chinese government's evident displeasure over Chris Patten's policies in Hong Kong is not interfering with commercial developments.

In terms of doing business with the Peking government, London lawyers could probably teach Mr Patten a lesson or two. Above all, say China-watchers, it is essential to play the game according to Chinese rules.

To be successful in China requires the confidence and trust of key officials. The better the relationship with individual civil servants the more easily transactions will go through. At the same time, according to Will Dennis, Denton Hall's chief representative in Peking, there is a marked commitment to integrity in public service — one of the legacies of 40 years of communist rule. Government officials in Peking are not bribable.

One of the main benefits of having offices in Peking is that companies are much better placed to cultivate an empathy with officials and keep abreast of government thinking.

The scale of legal business has followed the pace of economic development in the special economic zones in China. Inward investment, particularly from Chinese living outside the country, is pouring in to create a parallel private sector economy without the turbulence of Eastern European style privatisation.

Although Denton Hall and Lovells can now expect to take a very large slice of that market (doing most of the work from Hong Kong), other London law firms are also seeing some of the action. Julian Hamilton-Barnes, a partner with Penningtons, is at present in China for the second time in three weeks, acting in connection with joint ventures between Chinese companies and investors from Taiwan and Singapore.

Over recent months, for example, he has had a team of five lawyers documenting a joint venture in both English and Mandarin. In the absence of an updated legal system, the Chinese are happy to have transactions governed by the principles of English law.

The next step will be an expansion of ventures by Chinese corporations into the West. For example, Turner Kenneth Brown has been acting in London for a Chinese company which is to buy a British plc.

The sad reality for democrats is that the wrangles at the political level are now being seen by the business community as nothing more than an irritating sideshow.

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Funds offered to bridge equity gap

By Derek Harris

A SERIES of funds offering investment cash to small businesses of about £100,000 or less will be coming on stream this year. The funds, aimed at offering a bridge over the equity gap from which small firms suffer, should cover the key regions in England and Wales.

Two started operations towards the end of last year — the first in Yorkshire and Humberside and the second in the East Midlands. By the end of the year, a total of 11 should be in operation.

The funds are being known as the Midland Enterprise Funds because the Midland Bank is acting as cornerstone investor with other corporate contributors. Those putting up cash, which include local authorities and training and enterprise councils (TECs), will not be running the funds: that will be in the hands of selected venture capital specialists.

The initiative, under the aegis of Business in the Community, sprang from a call by the Prince of Wales for more seed capital to be made available for small firms.

The target investment range of the funds varies. Yorkshire and Humberside has parameters of £5,000 to £100,000. East Midlands, which covers Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, works roughly to a ceiling of £125,000. East Anglia, taking in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk, opens for business next week. Next month will see the launch of three more funds, one in the North East and another for Thames Valley and Chilterns plus a complementary one covering the South East counties south of the Thames. A Greater London fund is due to start in May, with summer openings targeted for funds covering the North West and South West.

The end of the year should have seen the launch of funds in the West Midlands and Wales. Funds for Scotland and Northern Ireland are also under consideration.

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Brushing up market skills

By Rodney Hobson

AN UNUSUAL wedding present was the starting point for the Tin Pot Company, run by David and Jill Redbourn Miller. Their daughter improvised by painting a metal watering can in bright colours. The effect was so originally stunning that they bought a batch and started to sell them.

Mrs Redbourn Miller said: "She is quite artistic, but a job turned up and she no longer had time to do them. So mum got landed with them." That was three-and-a-half years ago. By that time, the Redbourn Millers had £2,000 worth of stock and had bought an estate car to transport the goods.

Mrs Redbourn Miller said: "A friend and I were already running a stall at Greenwich market, selling silk screen-printed T-shirts and track suits. That was petering out because there were too many stalls doing it."

Her husband said: "Watering cans are much harder to copy. We built up a small stock, painting anything galvanised that we could find and that was practicable such as coal scuttles, jugs and odd vases. We got a pitch at Greenwich market and were all set to go, but I turned a bit negative because I knew we would not sell much."

His wife insisted, but they sold nothing. But they did meet a man who started finding fault with their way of doing things. He was a supplier of watering cans. The business relationship struck up that day has blossomed. There used to be 75 suppliers of galvanised watering cans in Britain, but now there are only three or four.


ROBIN MAYES

Cottage industry: Jill and David Redbourn Miller, founders of the Tin Pot Company, at their home

Mr Redbourn Miller said: "We originally looked for reclaimed cans and painted them, but there are not many around and the paintwork was not durable. Now we buy them self-coloured to our specification. They have a tough finish, the same as a fridge." His wife decorates a basic range of eight cans in their garden shed. The product proved so popular that within six months her husband gave up his job running a mini-cab firm near their home in Beckenham, Kent, and the business became full-time employment for both of them. They subsequently gave up their Greenwich pitch. The weeks just before Christmas were hectic — one week there were just five cans left out of 150 and for six days they painted anything that did not move so there would be something to sell the next Sunday. Then the rest of the year was slack.

Now they have switched to mail order and selling through garden centres. The Tin Pot Company has developed cautiously. There are no overheads and no staff to pay, but stock has overflowed into the garages of the family and a friend.

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BRIEFINGS

A package to help businesses exploit new ideas and technologies is due later this year. Three programmes, on laser disc, are being made by a consortium consisting of the Patent Office, Cranfield School of Management, the Licensing Executives Society, 3M, and NatWest Bank. One programme sets out what to do, from conceiving an idea. The second covers licensing deals, while a third will show how production and marketing can exploit a concept. Enquiries to: Ireen Downing, Patent Office, Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent NP9 1RH; telephone: 0633 813535.

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Next week Alfred Brendel begins his historical survey of piano concertos. He talked about it to Richard Morrison

There is something metaphorical about an appointment at Alfred Brendel's house. For a start, it stands loftily in one of those leafy Hampstead lanes between the bookshops and the Heath. Perfectly poised, in other words, between the realms of intellect and raw nature, just like its owner's piano-playing.

Enter his practice studio and the circumstantial evidence of his craft is overwhelming. Consider a bizarre item framed on the wall, almost inconspicuous between imposing artworks. It is an ink imprint of the composer Alban Berg's hand: a ghostly reminder of Viennese genius past. Perhaps this eerie thing will rise up and tap Brendel sharply on the shoulder if he should ever shirk his role as principal heir to Schnabel and the great Austro-German piano repertoire. "It is exactly the same dimension as my hand," notes the pianist. One would expect nothing else.

And if Brendel lifts his eyes from the keyboard, he finds himself staring at two big, carved wooden figures from Papua New Guinea. "My sternest critics," he says. Among postwar pianists, perhaps only Claudio Arrau (whose home was like a museum of pre-Colombian art) has rivalled Brendel for sheer breadth of cultural appreciation. "It is strange, because I'm not from a family of intellectuals. I had hardly any artistic stimulation at home. I had to find things out for myself." Find things out he did, and quickly: his first piano recital and his first exhibition of paintings coincided, when he was just 17.

Only slightly less startling than the Papuan figures is a surreal, bespectacled sculpture, displayed right above the piano. Sphinx-like, it transmogrifies the head of Brendel into the body of a three-legged grand piano, and seems almost to mock the pianist for looking the way he does — intensely gloomy, even at moments when his heart, brain and fingers are engaged in scaling heights of pianistic bliss. Brendel is assuredly not one of nature's optimists. But perhaps it is this very foreboding of anarchy just around the corner which makes him struggle so memorably to convey the essential orderliness of great music.

This practice studio is Brendel's powerhouse. We know what comes out of it. Those monumental Beethoven cycles, as rigorously thought out as a physicist's lab-test, yet capable of touching emotions unimagined by the whizz-kids. The Liszt interpretations, which sweep cascades of notes into rhetoric so persuasive that Liszt himself might have been startled to hear his meaning so pungently articulated. And Schubert, played with such searching depth that the listener hurries back to the score in amazement, to verify how simple are the dots and dashes upon which Brendel has founded his vision.

But what goes into this powerhouse? Hours of practice? "No, I have never been one of life's fanatical workers," says Brendel. "I don't like fanaticism in any form.

> 'Each time I return to a work I try to set it up again from point zero'

When I lived in Vienna in my early twenties, there were two years when I didn't even have a piano. I used to visit friends in order to play occasionally." That, remarkably, was after he had already won a prize in the 1949 Busoni Competition, and was set on an international career.

Brendel regards piano music as "a receptacle of all musical possibilities", and believes pianists must constantly strive to suggest something larger than themselves. "The marvellous thing is to turn the piano into an orchestra, a singer, a wind instrument. The best piano music need not be 'pianistic' at all. I completely disagree with Horowitz, who once said that 'Mozart and Beethoven are not piano composers; they are composers for pianists who want to appear intellectual'."

That is not the only matter on which the uncompromisingly cerebral Brendel would take issue with that whimsical genius Horowitz. For instance, the blatant disregard of the composer's markings, such as Horowitz regularly indulged in, is anathema to Brendel. "I don't feel like a slave to the composer, but I hate an attitude that goes against the composer from the start. A few of my colleagues give the impression that they want to take revenge for the fact that they are not composers themselves. But a good performer tries to understand what the composer has to say: he learns to love his father, not hate him."

Brendel's current Beethoven-sonata cycle, being performed simultaneously in several cities over three years, is winning glowing reviews. And next week, with the Philharmonia, he begins a six-concert Festival Hall series which the orchestra has grandly billed as "The History of the Piano Concerto" ("They didn't consult me about the title," grimaces Brendel). In it, he will play nine concertos, from Bach to Schoenberg: the heart of this beloved Austro-German repertoire. "I don't think I chose these pieces for chauvinist reasons. They just happen to contain the best music. And I certainly don't want to reproduce my old interpretations. Each time I return to a work I try to set it up again from point zero, to forget what I once knew."

Yet he is now 62 years old. It is nearly 40 years since he first recorded all Beethoven's piano music (the first pianist ever to do so). Have the immense physical demands upon a top pianist taken their toll?

"On the question of physique, there are very few pianists who do not find advancing age a problem. So I have stopped playing the Brahms B Flat Concerto [though he plays the D Minor in the forthcoming series], and I stopped playing the Liszt Sonata after my last recording. On the other hand, some things get easier with age, because one can distinguish what is important. That is what maturing means: the picture becomes clearer."

Brendel decided early in his career that other famous blockbusters were not for him. All of Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky, for instance. It takes a pianist of rare integrity to turn his back on those golden eggs. "I did play Rachmaninov's C Minor Concerto in my youth, just to see what it was like. I even listened to Rachmaninov's own recording, to try and learn something. But it is not a piece that has ever convinced me." Too much emotion? "More the *quality* of the emotion. As for Tchaikovsky, I like to hear a good performance of the B Flat Minor Concerto. But I didn't learn it when I was in my twenties, and later on I didn't feel the urge to do so."

In other repertoire, Brendel admits to being inhibited by the ghosts of his pianistic idols. "There have been pieces which I didn't play because a certain interpretation was so overwhelmingly beautiful that I simply thought 'This has been done; there is nothing to add'. One case is Alfred Cortot's recordings of Chopin's 24 Preludes. For me, these are the models of what piano playing can be like. He had worked out to the last dot his view."

Which is exactly what Brendel's fans, and his critics, think about his own playing. Very occasionally, when he is not properly fired up, his scrupulous concern to lay bare the music's bones can seem pedantic, like a diligent school-teacher patiently explaining calculus to fourth-formers. The music becomes signposted rather obviously; spontaneity evaporates.

Yet for every performance like that, Brendel must play dozens in which the balance between head and heart is marvellously assured. Then, he seems to flash a message to our troubled psyches: a message of civility, sanity and hard-won substance in a musical world increasingly dominated by egotists and empty vessels. Presumptuous title or not, "The History of the Piano Concerto" could be entrusted to no better hands than Brendel's.

● Alfred Brendel's *concerto series begins with performances of Bach and Mozart at the Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800) next Tuesday.*



MICHAEL POWELL

"Enter his studio and the evidence of his craft is overwhelming": Alfred Brendel at home

ARTS BRIEFING

Deane for top ENB job

ENGLISH National Ballet has ended months of uncertainty over its future by announcing the appointment of Derek Deane as artistic director. Deane, a former principal dancer with the Royal Ballet, will take up the job on March 22, succeeding Ivan Nagy who announced early in January that he would not be seeking a renewal of his three-year contract.

"I'm delighted to be appointed artistic director," said the 39-year-old Deane. "My aim will be to make English National Ballet the world's leading touring classical ballet company and I look forward to the challenges the company will meet as it moves into the 21st century."

Deane joined the Royal Ballet in 1972, becoming a principal in 1978. He left the company ten years later after dancing all the major roles in the repertoire. During his 16 years with the Royal he also choreographed works for both Covent Garden and its sister company, then based at Sadler's Wells. From September 1990 until October 1992 he was deputy artistic director and resident choreographer at the Rome Opera Ballet and since then has been staging and choreographing productions throughout Italy.

"His energy, enthusiasm and total commitment will be a tremendous asset to us," said Pamela, Lady Harlech, ENB's chairman. "His ambitions for the company exactly mirror the board's aspirations for English National Ballet and we look forward to working with him over the coming years."

Meanwhile, Nagy, who is leaving ENB five months before his contract expires, has given no indication of his future plans.

Last chance . . .

MANY people once dreamt of running away to join a circus but Victoria Chaplin — daughter of Charlie — and Jean Baptiste Thiérrée went one better by founding a circus of their own. Le Cirque Imaginaire, now renamed Le Cirque Invisible, was originally staffed only by themselves, with a few small, cuddly farm animals in place of the traditional fauna. Now their son, James Spencer Thiérrée, has joined the troupe as an acrobat. Specialising in quirkily amusing, somewhat surreal, playful inventive tricks, their season at London's Riverside Studios (081-748 3354) ends on Saturday.

A TIMES SPECIAL READER OFFER

INVADE MY PRIVACY

At the Riverside Studios

The Times is offering readers the chance to attend the opening performance of *Invade My Privacy*, which is a musical celebration of the works of Fran Landesman.
Our Theatre Club is hosting the first-night party on March 10 at the Riverside Studios in West London.

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

For only £15 a ticket *Times* readers are offered:
● The best seats in the house
● Exclusive invitation to a post-show party to meet the cast

THE WONDERFUL poetry of Fran Landesman was first performed at the King's Head in Islington at a special charity performance. So successful was it that the King's Head box office found itself inundated with callers trying to find out when the show was next to be staged.



The poet and lyricist Fran Landesman is one of a kind. Her work combines pathos and humour and glows with tough wisdom gleaned from a lifetime of riding in fast convertibles and hanging out in smoky bars. As an art student in New York in the 1950s she was part of the Kerouac, Ginsberg scene. Her song "The Ballad of the Sad Young Men" has been recorded by Ella Fitzgerald, Barbra Streisand and Rikki Lee Jones.

This is an excellent opportunity to see the show at the Riverside Studios, before it transfers to the West End. After the show you are invited to the backstage party to meet Fran Landesman, the cast and the director. Call the Club's booking service on 071-413 1412, quoting The Times and Sunday Times Theatre Club. If you can't make the first night, the show runs until April 3. Call the box office on 081-748 3354. Performances start at 7.45pm.

COMMENT: Century Theatre's **Stephen Unwin** puts the case for middle-scale touring

Resisting London's magnet

The difficulties and challenges of touring theatre are many. Benedict Nightingale's article (February 22) about the crisis in large-scale touring touched on some. The interesting thing is that on the middle scale (600-seat theatres approximately) the situation is much livelier. Oxford Stage and Cambridge Theatre are the acknowledged leaders in this field, but then Cheek by Jowl, Théâtre de Complicite and Trestle are all touring brilliant work throughout the country. And now Century, which is actually the oldest of these companies, is relaunching itself in a new way. The prospects for work of this scale are positive and encouraging.

Some of the problems we face are obvious, and the middle-scale touring companies share them with the large-scale ones: the physical restrictions imposed on sets, the rootlessness felt by the people who work for these companies, the difficulty of attracting sponsorship to a movable feast, and the endemic lack of cash. Century has received big increases from the Arts Council in recent years and yet its limitations are all too real.

Middle-scale touring has its own unique problems, however. Cuts in local authority budgets are at best restricting the scope of civic theatres, at worst closing the theatres, many of which are run by managers of great vision and integrity. Compulsory competitive tendering threatens to take theatres off the circuit and further reduce the number of touring weeks available: the number of venues that the good companies are prepared to play in is being whittled down to a worryingly narrow band, disproportionately sited in the south of England.

The solution is for the Arts Council and the regional arts boards to support and encourage a network of well-run middle-scale theatres throughout the country which can take productions of the very highest standards. We are very much at the mercy of the venues we play in and work of the highest quality cannot take place under impossible conditions.

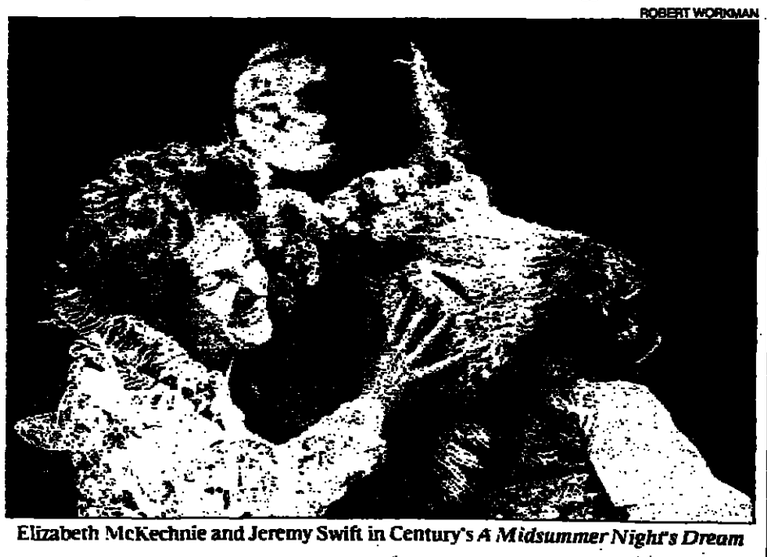
Despite all this, middle-scale touring is at a moment of great opportunity. The joy of running a touring company is that you do not have a building around your neck. Century has purpose-built offices and rehearsal rooms but we do not have a theatre, or restaurants or bookshops. And so the entire organisation can be focused on producing and touring the work.

Furthermore, these companies are not regional theatres; they have a national role. Century Theatre plays in towns throughout the country, in towns which do not have resident repertory companies, to sophisticated and lively audiences who love the theatre. Last week *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opened at the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe to 106 per cent. This week we play in Blackpool; and then we are off to Winchester. Each town has its own character, each theatre its own atmosphere, and it is fascinating to see how the show will change. The only constant factor is a deep hunger for fine productions of great works done clearly, professionally and stylishly.

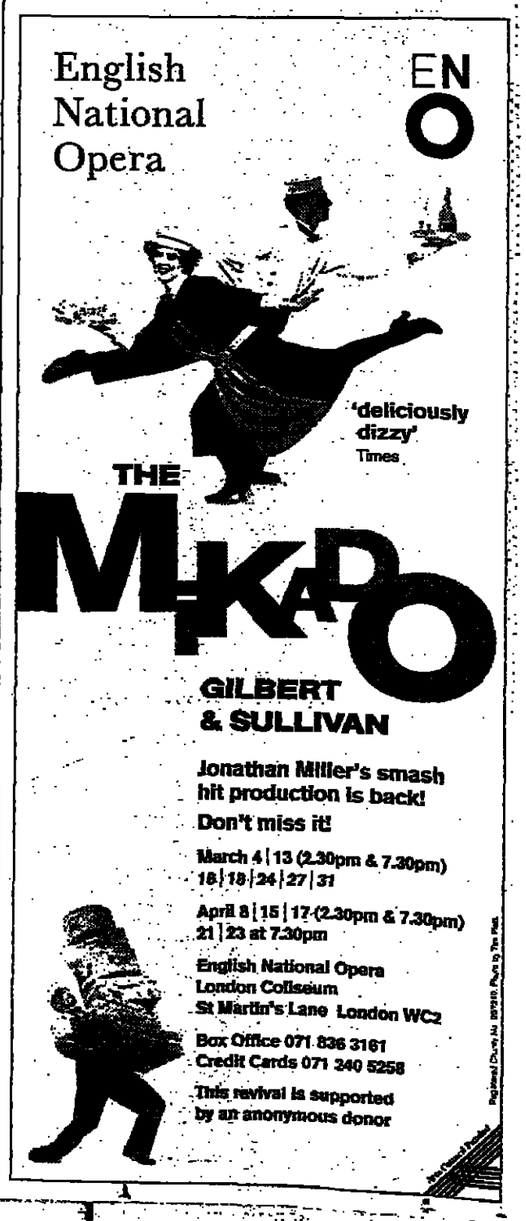
What is often forgotten by people working in building based-companies is the way that touring is deeply rooted in the very heart of the English theatre: the players in *Hamlet* must have known all about travelling from town to town, staying in cold digs, and not being recognised by their own children when they finally get home. Garrick, Kemble and Wolfit played everywhere; the magnet of London was resistible. Touring theatre is a tough, uncomfortable life. But it is essential that it is not allowed to wither.

● *Stephen Unwin is artistic director of Century Theatre. A Midsummer Night's Dream is at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool (0253 29372) until Saturday*

ROBERT WORKMAN



Elizabeth McKechnie and Jeremy Swift in Century's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

LONDON

COMPAGNIE PHILIPPE GENTY This popular French troupe returns to Sadler's Wells with the British premiere of *Forget Me Not* which promises more of the Genty magic. Theatrical illusion, dance and puppets are used to create a dream-like world of unreality.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight to Mar 13 7.30pm

BEETHOVEN AND TIPPETT The BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton performs music by the two great composers including Tippett's Fanfare No 2 *For the Four Corners* and Beethoven's Overture, *The Consecration of the House*. Arturo Pizarro plays Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat.
Barbican Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) 7.30pm

DIVINE WORDS Loose Change Company presents the English premiere of a mysterious play by Ramon del Valle Inclan: a beautiful girl and a dwarf escape their village for the wild world of the fairground.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, opens Thurs, 8pm, then Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm

BURBAGE AND THE BARD The story of the life and friendship of Richard Burbage and William Shakespeare written and performed by Jonathan Milton and Sian Pretty.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadler's Wells, EC1 (071-837 4104). Opens tonight, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats, Wed, 1.30pm, Sat, 3pm

PLAYLAND The latest play by South African writer Athol Fugard receives its British premiere at the Donmar Warehouse, featuring the original cast from the Market Theatre, Johannesburg. The meeting of a war veteran (Sean Taylor) and a nightwatchman (John Kani) unleashes feelings of remorse, hostility and recognition. Opening night.
Donmar Warehouse, Thomas Earl's, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle conducts the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** in an imaginative 1920s programme that contrasts a Frenchman's view of America (Varèse's extraordinary *Amériques*) with an American's view of France (Gershwin's *An American in Paris*). The other works performed are Shostakovich's First Symphony and Berg's Three Fragments from *Wozzeck* (with Elise Ross as Marie).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), tonight, Thurs, 7.30pm

LEEDS: One of the great partnerships in British ballet is reunited in Gillian Lynne's *A Simple Man* when Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour take on the roles of the artist L.S. Lowry and his mother. The ballet, based on Lowry's life, has been one of the most successful in **Northern Ballet Theatre**'s history. Two new ballets will receive their world premiere on the same bill: Derek William's jazzy *Extension*, and *D'Ensemble* by Graham Lustig. The Leeds season launches the company's 1993 BT national tour.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: **Roy Lichtenstein** is still thought of primarily as the daring young man who rode to fame on the strip cartoon redefined as high art. In the last 30 years he has turned into a grand old man of American painting. His irresistible rise is chronicled in an imposing retrospective designed to prepare the way for his 70th birthday in October.
Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock, (051-709 0507). Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm.

ABERDEEN: **The English Shakespeare Company** continues the rounds with its stagings of *The Tempest* (with Irish actress and singer Olwen Fouere in the role of Ariel) and a revival of Bogdanov's favoured production of *Macbeth*.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, (0224 641122). *Macbeth*, tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat 1.45pm, *The Tempest*, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm.

ROCHDALE: Théâtre de Complicité opens its tour with **The Street of Crocodiles**, based on the surreal stories of Bruno Schulz. The stories recall characters from the writer's past as in a series of nightmares and dreams.
Gracie Fields Theatre, Hudson's Walk, Greave, (0706 341527), tonight-Sat, 8pm

STRATFORD: Travelling Opera continue their national tour performing Peter Knapp's popular production of Bizet's **Carmen** in repertoire with Mozart's **Don Giovanni**.
The Swan, Waterside, (0789 295623). *Carmen*, today, tomorrow, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm. *Don Giovanni*, Thursday, 7.30pm

WINCHESTER: Goldoni's comic masterpiece **The Venetian Twins** sets off on Oxford Stage Company tour. Robert David Macdonald translates, Mark Brickman directs, Peter Jordan stars as both twins.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street, (0962 843434). Today, tomorrow, Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ANNA KARENINA** Shared Experience's award-winning adaptation returns for a second London showing. Recommended.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

◪ **CAROUSEL** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins

◪ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins. Final week.

■ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA** Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **ENNIO MARCHETTO** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins

□ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

■ **HAMLET** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today-Thurs, 6.30pm, mat Thurs, 12.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **KING BABY**: The miseries of alcoholism and how only religion can help, says author James Robson. Earnest stuff.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 7.15pm. 180mins

◪ **KING LEAR** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

□ **MURDER IS EASY** But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm

◪ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins

◪ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS'** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow production by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 190mins

LONG RUNNERS □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy. Director, Andrew Bergman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

LEON THE PIG FARMER (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy. Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Everyman** (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

LORENZO'S OIL (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon; director, George Miller.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

ROMPER STOMPER (18): Neo-Nazi skinheads on the rampage in Melbourne. Dangerously flashy debut by Australian director Geoffrey Wright.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

SNIPER (15): Tom Berenger and Billy Zane as US snipers in the Panama jungle. Visually taut, but wooden dialogue. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGM Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

UNDER SIEGE (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426-914 501).

CURRENT

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Francis Coppola directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15): An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer, director Gillian Armstrong.
Metro (071-437 0757).

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

MEAN STREETS (18): Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life. Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro play hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999)

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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OPERA: **Hilary Finch** on a sharp, non-traditional staging of *Figaro*

The play's the thing in Mozart

The Marriage of Figaro
Drill Hall

SIR CECIL has taken to offering cash to one of his servants in exchange for sexual favours. His long-suffering wife, Lady Rosina (aha!), finds herself torn eternally between Yves St Laurent and Givenchy. Under pressure (when trying to sing "Porgi amor", for instance) she takes to her exercise bike and pedals furiously.

In *The Times Saturday Review*, Richard Morrison suggested that the British love opera as long as it is kept in its place. Hyde Park is certainly one of them. But I would say that we love it the more the closer it comes to spoken theatre. That is where the British heart has always been, and if opera can be re-invented as theatre, so much the better. *So* much the better, in fact, that a company like Music Theatre London can play Mozart to capacity houses for a run of a month, simply by replacing most of the recitative by spoken dialogue, giving that a sharp and racy translation, and playing it for all it is worth.

Tony Britten and Nick Broadhurst's company, originally formed at the invitation of the 1991 Vienna Festival to create opera productions performed by actors, has turned out a *Figaro* so theatrically powerful and musically convincing that the updating seems almost incidental. This, we feel, is exactly how Mozart's audiences would have received *Figaro*: fresh-minted, immediate, recognisable.

They would have seen Cherubino not as the distanced, powdered page-boy we are traditionally faced with: but as the equivalent of the bomber-jacketed, gauchely and achingly infatuated 15-year-old of this production. In human nature, nothing under the sun (including class consciousness) has changed a wit since either Beaumarchais or Mozart. But I have yet to see a conventional production in which the adolescent's anguish comes over with anything approaching the painful directness and detail of Jill Washington's performance for MTL.

The same goes for the sudden insecurity of this Figaro (Mark Ryan), for his Susanna (Liza Sadovy) in the finale, and the brief, fragile moment in which the Count/Sir Cecil (Gerard Casey) at long last asks for his wife's forgiveness. In this production, by the way, Basilio (William Relton) is a private secretary with more than a passing fancy for Cherubino, and Marcellina is played in highly plausible, if too often clichéd, drag by Simon Butteriss.

So what of Mozart? My deepest instinct is that he would have been delighted. Paul Bateman directs his five-piece band in an arrangement by Tony Britten which hears and "translates" all that is quintessential in the score. It is played with idiomatic skill; and I would challenge any company this size to pull off the ensembles and finales with the musicality and panache achieved by MTL. If exquisite singing is what you want, forget it. If you are interested in the flesh, blood and soul of Mozart, book without delay.

DONALD COOPER



Speech no impediment in this opera: Music Theatre London in *The Marriage of Figaro* at the Drill Hall

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DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** on sex, violence and dancers climbing the walls in the Spring Loaded festival

Going up in the world

Rock
Sobell Leisure Centre
Headshot
The Place Theatre

V-TOL, the name of Mark Murphy's group, stands for Vertical Take-Off and Landing. In his current piece, **Headshot**, given a London stint at The Place Theatre, the dancers crashed, stomped and jerked expertly in the *de rigueur* manner of European brutalism; but they remained mostly earthbound. By contrast, Nikky Smedley's show at the Sobell Leisure Centre, called **Rock** and sub-titled "A rampant dance fantastic", more than lived up to its billing. It featured the extreme in human vertical take-off, with three vertiginous climbing walls and six women pinned to them or travelling over them like flies.

Vertical dance may sound like one of life's loonier activities; but that does not make it completely new. Perhaps Smedley saw a French group, Roc in Lichen, who performed at Riverside Studios a few years back. Perhaps she thought she could improve on them — because she certainly has. She has managed to weld zany humour with the *frisson* of danger, mountaineering ropes and safety-clips with an off-beat poetry of imagery and atmosphere.

It says a lot for *Rock*'s compelling originality that it managed to transcend a rowdy football game on an adjoining Sobell court. Its opening plunged us right in, with a giant eight-legged cockroach (two women under a carapace) crawling up one of the walls and, once at the top, celebrating by cleaning its back legs. Thereafter, we saw all kinds of illusion and effect, enhanced by a recorded tape. Surrounded by bird squawks and insect buzzes, the performers ascended, descended, or controlled other climbers' ropes; they hung upside down like spiders at the end of their thread and bounced off the walls in unison. They alternated choreography for stiller moments with scribbly arms and legs flailing in space. At times, when they performed press-ups or squatted at right-angles against a wall, you felt as though the perspective had lurched and *you* were suspended, looking down on a horizontal floor.

At other times, they became naughty angels, or Victorian mountaineers in long black dresses. At the end, they were party girls wanting to defy gravity and fly.

Smedley never looks short of imaginative ideas, but like Mark Murphy she lacks a convincing vocabulary when it comes to straightforward choreography. In Murphy's *Headshot*, dance appears as a means rather than an aesthetic end, existing to carry forward a sinister game of doors opening and shutting, and people doing the same with their lives. The doors and walls of Miranda Melville's set might be hotel rooms or prison cells; in them, people embrace passionately or torture and kill for political motives perhaps, or mere criminal thuggery.

Murphy's message could do with more precision, but like most of what appears on our screens he clearly deals in sex and violence. What ever happened to Bambi and Mary Poppins?

Benedict Nightingale on a brave attempt to scale the emotional heights of a Sicilian-American drama

Lessons in tolerance keep laughter at bay



Father and son reunion: Roger Lloyd Pack and Adam Magnani

Snow Orchid
Gate, Notting Hill

NOBODY should be surprised that Joseph Pintauro's play has taken 12 years to reach London. It would be hard for any cast, let alone one native to these cold, wet shores, to prevent some of the Sicilian-American emotions on display from lapsing into melodrama. Add the challenge of keeping the accents this side of the Cornetto ads, and of working on a stage so tiny that one fist-fight nearly knocks the brush from the hand of a woman quietly doing her hair in what's supposed to be another room; and the danger is more obvious still. That they kept laughter at bay on the first night, and at times did better than that, says much for the members of Tim Luscombe's London Gay Theatre Company.

Roger Lloyd Pack is Rocco, who has been in the madhouse for running through New York's Holland Tunnel daring trucks to mow him down. Now he returns home, to the consternation of the wife he hit and the sons he terrorised. But the ogre turns out to have become a milquetoast, thanks presumably to his "men's support group". Things that would once have had him slavering and lashing out in Sicilian ire leave him behaving like someone who has graduated in rightmindedness at Hampstead Poly or the University of Lambeth.

To his agoraphobic wife, Paola Dionisotti's Filumena, he presents himself as a repentant chauvinist, determined to make amends for his swinishness. He even remains calm when she pours poison on the pet orchids he has just promised "I won't let nuttin' happen to you". True, he gets a mite upset when the more hostile of his sons (Adam Magnani) starts to tear up the $8,000 he wants to give him and then, after he has gone down on his knees in abject apology, rancorously suggests a little incestuous fellatio. But he ends up giving the boy's lover a glass of wine and sending them both into the sunset with a handshake.

If a lesser actor were playing the part, all this forbearance would probably seem as credible as Norman Mailer taking up needlework; but there is a gritty, mournful power in Lloyd Pack's acting that greatly reduces any absurdity. The others are not always so lucky. Dionisotti, splendidly baleful though she can be, has trouble coping with Filumena's nostalgia for her native land ("Sicilia smell like the sun, smell like lemons, smell like fresh air") and with one of those wryly upbeat endings American playwrights find so irresistible.

Does it all sound horribly "correct"? One place where it isn't is in its treatment of the homosexual son, whose preferences are seen as the consequence of a neglectful father and a wildly over-possessive mother. There are quarters where that would be heresy. That the London Gay Theatre is prepared to countenance such a possibility says as much for its open-mindedness as its choice of play says for its emotional ambition.

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A new survey finds people buying more and borrowing less. **Philip Howard** on Britain's changing reading habits

The book is dead, so long live the book

The young don't read any more, the grumpies whine: they are far too idle, playing computer games and watching television. They say that the century which introduced mass literacy is plunging over the cataract to its close in increasing illiteracy and barbarism, producing a generation that cannot spell Shakespeare, let alone read the old rascal.

The book — which has been the engine and symbol of Western culture and entertainment ever since Memling and his fellows painted Saint Anne absorbed in a good read, and ever since Chaucer's Oxford clerk preferred his collection of books to trendy gear or the disco — is finished. The young have an attention span of only ten seconds. Long live the video and the boogie-pack.

Many have declared that such apocalyptic pessimism is phoney-baloney. Now we have statistics to support us. *Cultural Trends 1992*, edited by Jeremy Eckstein, and published today by the Policy Studies Institute, spends half of its space examining books, libraries and reading in the United Kingdom, and produces remarkable results. Like all statistics since that daft pseudo-science was invented, these are not as scientific as they purport. Much of what they are measuring is not measurable but opinion, hot air and lies.

When they record that even in these hard times of recession in the 1990s some two-thirds of the population claim, when surveyed, to have read a book for interest or pleasure during the past four weeks, it is permissible to raise an eyebrow, and suggest that if you ask people a question about so delicate a topic as their reading habits, they are likely to give an optimistic or self-flattering answer.

It takes some self-assured redneck to own up to not having read any book for either interest or pleasure within the past four weeks. Only anti-intellectual crusaders are going to admit to that.

Nevertheless, there are things that can be measured more accurately than what people confess to or boast of doing in private. And these, remarkably, show that people have continued to increase their spending on books throughout the recession. Most of this increase is explained by the inflation in the price of books, so that an average hardback novel now costs more than a bottle of cooking whisky, its traditional inflation running-dog, and a paperback can cost more than £10. (Almost as worrying is the increase in the size of a paperback, so that they no longer fit easily into a jacket pocket or handbag. I have no suit left with pockets that are not from the jacket's womb untimely ripped into flaps or craters.)

The figures suggest that even during the recession, people are buying more books, and not just spending more on books. But the weirdest statistic is that while book-buying continues to grow, borrowings from libraries are declining steadily. A good book is indeed often better than real life, and a comfort in time of trouble. But you would suppose that when people were feeling the pinch, they would opt to borrow for nothing or very little rather than buy for exorbitant prices. Aggregate private consumer spending on books continues to rise, while loans from libraries continue to fall. The visit to the local library, so long a part of British life, is slowly dwindling. Of course, you can find explanations for all this. Increasing charges, cuts in book funds, closures of libraries, cuts in opening hours and other hard times — "budgetary constraints" — arising out of the recent chaos of local government finance have diminished the pleasure of the public library service.

Not many communities are as bookish and literate as Highgate, in north London, or Newcastle, for example, with their great institutional Victorian libraries.

But on average, every member of Britain's adult population still borrows ten books a year from local authority libraries. The most bookish borrowing parts of Britain are Scotland and the English counties. The least literary are the London boroughs. In the past decade, the number of books borrowed has declined by about two books per head per annum in England and Wales, and by one book per head in Scotland. And, judging from the Public Lending Right and other fairly accurate number-crunching figures, the actual books borrowed from libraries are quite different from the bestseller lists, which are in any case a combination of guesswork and hype.

Maybe the libraries need to think harder about the sorts of books they buy. On the other hand, 40 per cent of books bought by private citizens in bookshops are meant as presents for somebody else, often a child. These are the sort of statistical bogs in which you can make the figures prove anything you want. Although written in the kind of statisticospeak that makes reading an apoplectic chore, there are fascinating findings in this sludge. Women read books more than men by a ratio of about six to five. Well, what's so new about that?

There are interesting variations in book buying and borrowing habits between parts of the country, where commuters have to sit for hours in stationary trains being addressed by unintelligible railway employees who think (ill-advisedly) that they are auditioning for the RSC, and darkest Ayrshire, where the library comes round weekly on wheels.

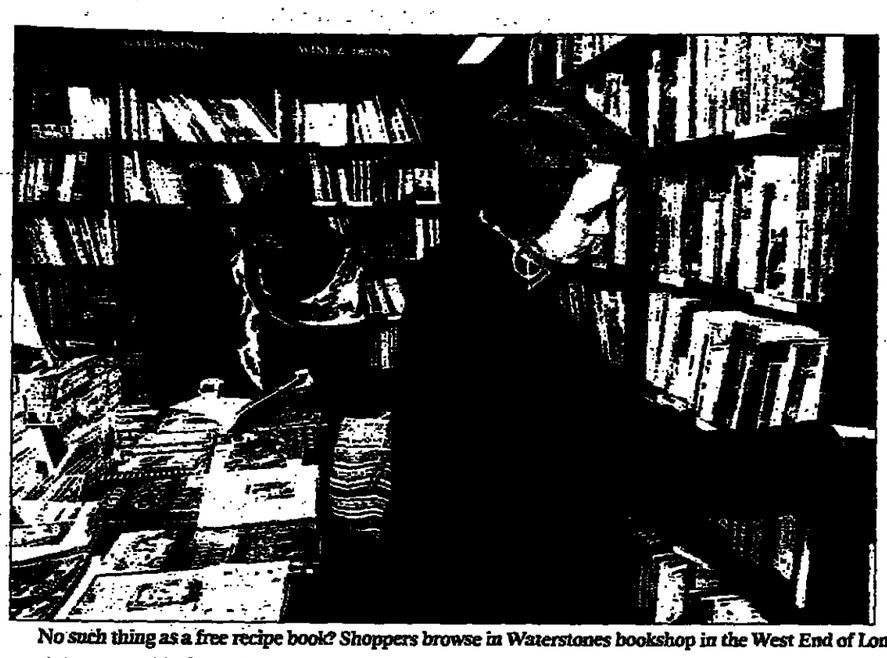
Among the middle-age groups, a considerable body of casual research points to a close relationship between reading and the length of time spent commuting to and from work.

The number of titles published in the United Kingdom is still rising inexorably towards 70,000 a year, and most of them are not worth the trees that are cut down to make the paper. In spite (or perhaps because) of their constant reorganisation and takeover by the hard men in grey, publishers seem increasingly useless at telling a hawk from an inflatable duck.

The survey, sounding as astonished as if it had discovered anthropophagi, identifies "bookaholics", who have a compulsion to possess books for purposes beyond the straightforward need to read them. (Dear boy, reading is different from defecating or laying bricks. Although it is all about books, this is a most illiterate survey.)

"Customers of bookshops are typically young, upmarket, well-educated and living in the South of England," the survey decides. "Reading a book for pleasure is popular among elderly people for whom physically active leisure pursuits may no longer be appropriate or possible." This survey is a treasury of banality and plonking platitudes. But buried in the sludge are vital statistics to the health of the nation and the confusion of the Cassandras.

It may not always seem like it. But in spite of television, and tapes and do-it-yourself and gardening, Britain is still a nation of the book, the handiest package of pleasure and power yet devised. Who ever thought otherwise?





MARTIN BECDALL

No such thing as a free recipe book? Shoppers browse in Waterstones bookshop in the West End of London while, south of the Thames in Battersea library, SW11, volumes seem to gather dust on the shelves

> Maybe the libraries need to think harder about the sorts of books they buy

CONCERT REVIEWS: Who dares wins, as a bold enterprise comes off for a pop icon and Mahler's greatest song cycle is reduced to perfection

This year's model plays a new tune

Dressed by Issey Miyake, fond of exotic motorbikes, and responsible for one of the most impressive Shostakovich cycles on record, the Brodskys are Middlesbrough's entry in the quartets-with-attitude stakes.

Their work with Declan MacManus, better known as Elvis Costello, one of the most consistently intelligent singer-songwriters to have emerged in Britain in the past 20 years, is the result of long-standing mutual admiration. *The Juliet Letters* is a genuine collaboration. Costello wrote some of the music, while members of the quartet and Marina Thomas, wife of its leader, supplied many of the lyrics. The songs that sound most like Costello often turn out to be those to which he contributed least. Suggestions that this is Costello's "stab at classical music", or the first rock 'n' roll album from the Brodskys, are firmly dismissed by both sides, along with any hint of "that junkyard named crossover".

The title and the idea for the project came from the discovery that there are people who write to Shakespeare's Juliet, and that there used to be a professor in Verona who replied.

This led to a sequence of 20 songs exploring various letter forms — love letters, begging letters, junk mail, hate mail, suicide notes. It is a perfect subject for Costello, whose work has always exhibited an almost manic verbal fluency, a fascination with what happens when metaphors become literal or clichés are taken seriously. The string quartet, too, with its capacity for layered argument and quotation, lends itself readily to the epistolary theme.

Elvis Costello/ Brodsky Quartet
Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

At the same time there are problems. Costello's voice, which can move in an instant from breathy introspection to declamatory rasp, sits well with the expressive range of a string quartet. But a quartet is already a group of voices. Add a real human voice and the balance is lost, the musical argument resolved; the strings — even in Schoenberg's second quartet — inevitably end up in a supporting role.

On the recording of *The Juliet Letters*, this can sound like a weakness. Time and again, cogent and incisive instrumental introductions seem to mutate, once the singing starts, into a textural accompaniment of atmospheric pedal chords, chugging ostinatos and folksy counterpoint.

Some of the songs have a sharpness Costello's recent work has lacked, but what stays in the mind is the spiky lyricism of two elegiac and purely instrumental pieces.

In concert, however, *The Juliet Letters* are transformed. Costello is a consummate showman, with a clown's ability to suggest character through posture, to convey pathos in a shrug, or to point an irony with a grimace.

As he performs them, standing at a lectern flanked by the quartet (who, apart from the cellist, play standing up), these songs emerge as riveting miniature dramas, in which the instrumentalists, theatrically underscoring or undercutting the narrative, participate as true partners.

The result is by turns comic, grim, sentimental and oddly moving. It was received, by what was very much a Costello audience, with rapturous enthusiasm. Quite where the collaboration goes from here is anyone's guess. An opera, perhaps?

IAN BRUNSKILL



Letter-perfect: the Brodsky quartet in collaboration with (in the centre) Elvis Costello

Earth songs sung heavenly

Endymion Ensemble
Queen Elizabeth Hall

REDUCING the orchestral score of Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* to chamber proportions must have been a fearsome task, even for one as gifted at instrumentation as Arnold Schoenberg.

Perhaps nervousness was the reason that he saw the project no further than the stage of marking the full score.

But Rainer Riehn's realisation of Schoenberg's intentions, published in 1983, given as the climax to the Endymion Ensemble's concert on Saturday, demonstrates that the composer met the challenge supremely well. Inevitably the very lushest climaxes lack body, but there are compensations of clarity and, as the programme note pointed out, of the withdrawal of any threat that the solo voices might be swamped. I also like the new colours that the harmonium and piano provide.

Peter Ash, the conductor, shaped the piece carefully, lending an intelligent ear to its symphonic connotations while allowing its emotions, both light and dark, but principally and ultimately valedictory, free expression. He saw to it that his players were able to relax into what was also for them a severe test. They showed exquisite control, playing with wonderfully concentrated poise.

Such distinction was matched by Della Jones's and Robert Tear's singing. Tear launched himself into the opening "Das Trinklied von Jammer der Erde" with an infectious sense of abandon, defiantly celebratory in the face of the prospect of death; he was more delicate in "Von der Jugend" and intelligently avoided caricature in "Der Trunkene in Frühling".

Jones, meanwhile, lavished rich but rightly subdued tones on the world-weariness of "Der Einsame im Herbst" and "Der Abschied", the latter, enormous song melting into the infinite with heart-tearing effect.

In between, in "Von der Schönheit", she showed greater abundance of colour, thoroughly relishing her portrayal of the joys of adolescent youth. A complete, and hugely satisfying, performance. She was given less absorbing material, though she handled it well, in Respighi's 1915 setting of Shelley, *Il tramonto* (The Sunset), a work whose language both echoes the Schoenberg of *Verklärte Nacht* and anticipates late Strauss, but whose notionally expressionistic chromatic harmonies seem strangely earthbound.

This was introduced by Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, in its shortened version scored for the same chamber group as originally was the whole ballet. An odd choice, but well done, with Ash neatly side-stepping the saccharine sentimentality that others too freely lavish on this music.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TELEVISION REVIEW: Malcolm X gets the pop video treatment

We don't need another hero

UNLESS you have spent the past six months marooned on Rockall, you know that Malcolm-mania reaches its climax this week with the release of Spike Lee's film biography of Malcolm X. The black American activist made further inroads into mainstream culture this weekend when he was one of the specialist subjects on *Mastermind*.

With so much air-time already devoted to the subject, and every street-wise teenager sporting an "X" baseball cap, what we now need is a measured, factual assessment of the man's career. John Akomfrah's stylised documentary **Seven Songs for Malcolm X** (Channel 4), made under the auspices of the Black Audio Film Collective, contained plenty of visual trickery, but ultimately contented itself with a semi-mystical recital of New Left and Afrocentric dogma.

Akomfrah had previously described his film as a celebration of "one of the few heroes left in the black political canon". In that respect he fulfilled his brief.

But surely it is time to venture beyond hero-worship. So much of the discussion in recent weeks has been depressingly one-dimensional, radicals portraying Malcolm X as a saintly visionary, right-wing commentators condemning him as little more than an opportunistic demagogue. Both sides leave us with a caricature rather than the complex and often paradoxical campaigner who was still groping his way towards a more conciliatory philosophy when he was gunned down in 1965. We shall see how Lee deals with the challenge.

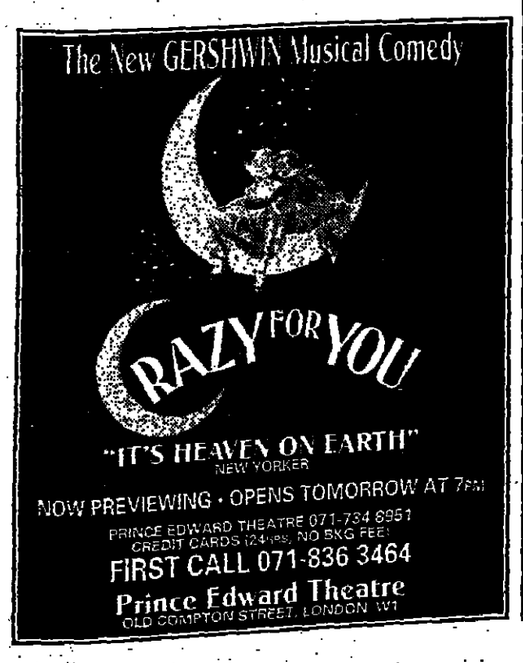
Akomfrah's approach was to leap at dizzying speed from one talking head to another — sometimes allowing his contributors only a sentence or two — while intercutting archive footage and surreal *tableaux vivants* representing key passages in Malcolm's life.

The pilgrimage to Mecca, for instance, was symbolised by a disconcerting shot of an actor with his head bowed underneath what looked like model airplanes dangling from the ceiling. Spliced in at almost subliminal speed, these scenes had more than a whiff of the film school about them, and only reinforced the impression that the programme-makers were more interested in playing with imagery, in the style of a pop video, than exploring sophisticated political ideas.

There were tantalising moments when we glimpsed flesh and blood — as when Malcolm's widow, Betty Shabazz, recalled how he teased her about the much-needed cash that he had hidden in various parts of their home during an overseas trip.

Akomfrah also underlined Malcolm's importance as an expression of long-suppressed masculine pride. Martin Luther King's creed of non-violence could never compete in that department, even though his tactics proved far more effective in the long run.

CLIVE DAVIS





run at Doncaster and Cheltenham stewards are expected to make much more aggressively, promised Clark. snow on course. Claiming Stakes. trainer, completed his first Handicap Chase.

Disgraced international sprinter swaps spikes for football boots

Baby Ben peers at Wigan for new start

David Powell tracks down Jason Livingston to Wigan, where the athlete is trying to pick up the pieces after the shame of Barcelona

THE items for sale in the supporters' shop at Wigan Athletic Football Club include two teddy bears decked in the second division team's blue and white favours. One is called "Big Ted", the other is "Little Ted". Yesterday, "Baby Ben" turned up.

Baby Ben is not a teddy bear. He is an athlete, or rather, a footballer. It was the nickname given to Jason Livingston by Linford Christie before he was thrown out of athletics and turned to football. It is a nickname that Livingston does not much care for any more.

He had all the attributes of Ben Johnson: squat physique, bullet start, electrifying pace. Johnson was, Livingston confessed, his hero. For one winter season, this time last year, Baby Ben became the bright young thing of British athletics, winning the European indoor 60 metres gold medal and equalling Christie's European record. He was heading for the Big Money League. The Football League did not interest him.

But the Johnson parallel went too far when Livingston was accused of being a drugs cheat and sent home from the Olympics. "I suppose you could say that is the end of my life," Livingston said soon after the Barcelona Games. But, at Wigan yesterday, the after-life began. It was, he said, probably his happiest day since he failed a drugs test last July.

He was having a trial with Wigan Athletic and was asked by Bryan Hamilton, the club's chief executive and manager, to stay for the week. "I don't think he let himself down," Hamilton said after Livingston had trained with the first team. "We have reserve and A team games coming up and hopefully we can fit him into one of those as quickly as possible."

And the players' view? "I think he might have a future," Kevin Langley, a former Everton first-team player and one of Wigan's most experienced men, said. "There were a few ball skills there and he certainly did not look out of place. I hope he makes it."

Those last five words will mean as much to Livingston as the assessment of his potential as a footballer. Athletics has ostracised him and so has rugby league. Football is shaking his hand.

He had, he said, "a hefty contract waiting at Hull KR", which he was prevented from taking because the Rugby Football League honours bans imposed by other sports. But the Football League does not disapprove. "There is nothing in our rules which covers it and it is a matter for Wigan Athletic," Ian Cotton, the League spokesman, said. "If they are happy to give him a chance, that is their business."

Cardiff had Livingston for a trial but asked him to leave when they became aware of his past. Wigan's decision to invite him came with the unanimous approval of directors and staff, Hamilton said: "I would be delighted if Jason can carve a career here and help this football club. What has happened in the past is not a problem for us."

Hamilton's invitation needed no second thought. "When Bryan phoned me I was really excited and jumped at the chance," Livingston, 21, said. "I was nervous about coming, scared that people might think that I saw myself as a superstar. But they have treated me like I was one of them. I do not want people to feel that, if I get into the side, I am in because of who I am. I want to get in because of my ability."

The example of Nigel Walker is encouragement for him. Walker, an Olympic sprint hurdler, switched sports to rugby union and will make his debut on the wing for Wales this weekend. Livingston is a winger, too.

He was telling yesterday of how he scored 58 goals in a season as a 12-year-old playing for Norlington School and Waltham Forest district in London. Then, he said, he had trials with Leyton Orient and was about to sign as an apprentice with Arsenal but personal circumstances — moving to live with an aunt and uncle who were international sprinters — directed him towards athletics.

When the red card came in Barcelona, his thoughts soon returned to football. "I joined a team in the Cardiff area, Grange Quins, and started playing for them just before halfway through the season. It is a good standard of football, I am playing well and we have won our last eight matches."

It was, of course, his pace that brought the call from Wigan. "The game has changed," Hamilton, a former Northern Ireland international, said. "Not many years ago, pace was not that important. But now it is a big asset."

Livingston claims he has never used steroids knowingly, and is awaiting the outcome of an appeal against his four-year suspension from athletics and Olympic life ban.

"I am not going to forget it," he said. "I am going to fight it to the bitter end." Or, as Hamilton might say: keep playing until the final whistle, son.

GERRY CROWTHER



Put through his paces: Livingston practises with Wigan Athletic yesterday

YACHTING

Damage to hull hinders Peyron

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

ROBIN Knox-Johnston and his crew completed repairs to their stricken catamaran, Enza New Zealand, overnight and were heading back towards Cape Town yesterday when their French rivals in the Jules Verne 80-day challenge, reported that they, too, had suffered serious damage to their craft.

In a conversation with Knox-Johnston, the French skipper, Bruno Peyron, reported that one of the two hulls of their catamaran, Commodore Explorer, had split after hitting a particularly hard wave, compounding earlier problems they had with their rudders and sails.

"He asked us about ports in New Zealand where they could go in for repairs. They have already lost almost a day since we had our accident, and are still proceeding slowly. With three quarters of the Southern Ocean to go, Commodore's chances of getting round the world in under 80 days after structural damage like this must be seriously in doubt," the British skipper said.

As Enza headed towards the Cape of Good Hope at ten knots yesterday, Knox-Johnston spoke of their disappointment at not completing the voyage. "Of all the crew, only George Johns and myself had sufficient confidence not to bring our passports with us. The whole thing is tragic when we were four days ahead of our schedule and had averaged 14.5 knots for 26½ days. It cannot be a coincidence that all three boats attempting this record have had collisions with objects and sustained damage."

The Enza crew hope to reach Cape Town next weekend, and join Olivier de Kersauson's broken challenger, Charel, for repairs. Knox-Johnston concedes it is too late for a fresh attempt this year, but they may race Titouan Lamazou's monohull challenger, Formula TAG, when the Frenchman sets out to break the Jules Verne record next winter. "We've got a really good boat here which is more than capable of busting the 80-day barrier," Knox-Johnston's co-skipper, Peter Blake, said.

Crews thrill to whirl of the big wheel

Vivien Cherry, skipper of the British Steel Challenge yacht Coopers & Lybrand, reports on the race to reach Cape Town

After 16 days of racing across the Southern Ocean, 200 miles is all that separates the ten-strong fleet of identical yachts. This 6,300-mile third leg to Cape Town is so close that we are punished for any small mistake or breakage. The loss of one or two miles is all it takes for positions to change, sometimes by several places.

We have had a spate of little things go wrong, including a leak that led to three tons of water collecting in the forward watertight compartment of our yacht last week.

To start with, we could not understand why our performance was suffering. We began a continuous check on sail trim, checked for any movement in the rig and distribution of our stores, as well as tweak everything in sight. We even began to compare the abilities of those at the wheel before tracking down the trouble.

Continuous pumping solved the problem in the short term and we are now checking the area daily. I expect the water is coming through holes in the pulpit where the wires go to the navigation lights, but closer investigation will have to wait for a calm day.

There are none of those on the immediate horizon. We have endured two strong gales so far. Chaos reigns in the galley, with chili con carne over the floor.

On deck, the line controlling the leech of our No. 2 yankee headsail broke (again) after being replaced in Hobart. It took us 45 minutes to change while the boat lay hove-to. We had just started sailing again when a staysail sheet car shattered and the sail began flogging wildly, forcing us to tack.

Getting back on course is not so easy, because the close proximity of the magnetic South Pole is causing inaccuracies in our compass. In addition to the 50 of variation caused by the pole, there is also excessive deviation error from the boat's magnetic field which has led to a 75 inaccuracy when heading due west.

No wonder that there is so little shipping down here. Our only check is through the GPS satellite system, which tracks our position to the nearest 25 metres. This led us to blow the dust off our sextant to measure the sun's altitude — not an easy task from the pitching deck of a yacht — and Martin Wright, a former naval officer and our newest recruit, calculated our position to within five miles of the satellite reading. Not bad when there is nothing else out here but hundreds of miles of ocean.



Coopers & Lybrand

Right now, the Southern Ocean is like riding a big wheel at a fairground. There is a moment of silence as the boat flies off the top of a wave, then stomachs are left behind by gravity.

This is all accompanied by squeals and shouts as a mixture of fear, exhilaration, pain and immense enjoyment grip the crew. The best part though is the fact that the ride just goes on.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 2,779 miles, 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,845; 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,877; 4, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,883; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,887; 6, British Steel II (R Tudor), 2,893; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 2,909, 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 2,926; 9, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,939; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,008.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MOSCOW: Indoor meeting: Women: Triple jump: Y Chen (Rus), 14.46m (world record)

BOBSLEIGH

LILLEHAMMER, Norway: World Cup two-man final: 1, Italy 1 (G Huber, S Ticci), 1min 47.16sec, 2, Canada 1 (P Lueders, J Pyc), 1 47 20; 3, Germany 1 (W Hoppe, C Embach), 1.47 23, 4, Austria 2 (H Schoesser, G Haidacher), 1:47.41; 5, Germany 2 (C Langen, P Joechel), 1 47 44, 6, Switzerland 1 (G Weder, K Meier), 1 47.45 (53.71, 53 74) 7, Britain 1 (S Olsson, L Paul), 1 47 49

BASKETBALL

DONCASTER DOME: Men's national cup: Final: Guildford Kings 82 (Gordon 24, Miller 20, Brown 10). Worthing Bears 72 (Irish 19, Hubbard 18, Spaid 16) Men's national trophy: Final: Doncaster 81, Crystal Palace 66 Women's national Cup: Final: Sheffield Hatters 63, Milton Keynes Quality Cats 50

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 101, Phoenix Suns 94; New Jersey Nets 102, New York Knicks 76; San Antonio Spurs 94, Orlando Magic 90, Indiana Pacers 110, Dallas Mavericks 96; Miami Heat 105, Minnesota Timberwolves 93; Boston Celtics 122, Portland Trail Blazers 110; Denver Nuggets 110, Charlotte Hornets 103; Los Angeles Lakers 124, Los Angeles Clippers 112.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	36	18	667	—
New Jersey Nets	31	24	564	5½
Boston Celtics	29	25	537	7
Orlando Magic	25	25	500	9
Miami Heat	21	32	396	14½
Philadelphia 76ers	19	33	.365	16
Washington Bullets	16	38	.296	20

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Bulls	38	17	.691	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	38	20	643	2½
Charlotte Hornets	28	25	.528	9
Atlanta Hawks	26	29	.473	12
Indiana Pacers	26	29	473	12
Detroit Pistons	23	30	.434	14
Milwaukee Bucks	21	34	.382	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	35	18	.660	—
Houston Rockets	33	21	611	2½
Utah Jazz	33	22	600	3
Denver Nuggets	22	32	407	13½
Minnesota T'wolves	13	38	.255	21
Dallas Mavericks	4	48	077	30½

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix Suns	40	12	.769	—
Seattle SuperSonics	37	17	.685	4
Portland Trail Blazers	32	19	.628	7½
Los Angeles Lakers	28	24	539	12
Los Angeles Clippers	28	26	.519	13
Golden State Warriors	24	32	429	18
Sacramento Kings	18	37	.327	23½

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY: IBF cruiserweight title: Alfred Cole (US) bt Uriah Grant (US), pts.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Third day: Kingstown, St Vincent: Windward Islands 159 and 145 (R Haynes 4-33), Jamaica 302 and 3-0 Jamaica won by 10 wickets Georgetown: Guyana 362: Trinidad and Tobago 132 (B Browne 6-54) and 85 (C Butts 7-40) Guyana won by an innings and 145 runs. Charlestown, Nevis: Leeward Islands 341 and 84-1; Barbados 445 (R Holder 125, C Browne 71).

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 172 and 349-7 dec: New South Wales 174 and 147 (G Rowell 5-39). Queensland won by 200 runs. Melbourne: Victoria 225 and 292-8 dec: Tasmania 297 and 217-9 (R Ponting 64) Match drawn.

CYCLING

GHENT, Belgium: Het Volk race (202km): 1, W Nelissen (Bel), 5hr 11min 0sec; 2, O Ludwig (Ger), at 8sec; 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel), same time

TOUR OF MEXICO: Leading overall placings: 1, L Fignon (Fr), 45hr 30min 29sec; 2, J F Villalobos (Mex), 1min 5sec behind; 3, M Carter (US), 1'06; 4, M Arroyo (Mex), 3'00, 5, S Speaks (US), 6 11, 6, P Ruiz (Sp), 7'09.

FENCING

KIRKBY: Merseyside Open Tournament: Men's foil: 1, D Chang (Bath); 2, M Thompson (Chester); equal 3: D Holland (Salle Paul) and I Manley (University of Central Lancashire) Men's épée: 1, G Clark (West Lancashire), 2, Y Sina (York), equal 3, A Fraser (Leeds University) and M Thompson (Chester). Men's sabre: 1, J Tanner (Bath), 2, G Hopwood (Manchester University); equal 3, P Forrester (RBAI) and I Skitt (Stourbridge) Women's foil: 1, K Jones (Manchester University); 2, E Warr (Salle Coton), equal 3: J Bowyer (Salle Paul) and B Powell (Ashton) Women's épée: 1, H Griffiths (Stockport), 2, C Davies (Norfolk); equal 3, N Heal (CADS) and C Gentleman (Liverpool YMCA)

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Swindon 1, Luton 2, Queens Park Rangers 3, Chelsea 3.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCHES: Africa Zone: Group A: Algeria 2, Ghana 1 (in Algiers: Algeria qualify for second phase) Group I: Kenya 2, Guinea 0 (in Nairobi, Guinea qualify). Group C: Angola 1, Togo 0; Egypt 2, Zimbabwe 1. Group D: Nigeria 2, Congo 0 (in Enegu: Nigeria qualify) Group E: Niger 2, Botswana 1 (in Niamey) Group G: Senegal 1, Gabon 0 (in Dakar; Senegal qualify)

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Belgrano 1, Boca Juniors 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 2, Talleres 2: Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Independiente 3; Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, Argentinos Juniors 1; Huracan 1, Deportivo Espanol 1: Newell's Old Boys 1, Rosario Central 1; Platense 0, Lanus 1; Racing Club 1, San Lorenzo 0; River Plate 0, Estudiantes 2; Velez Sarsfield 2, San Martin 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Group A: Juventus 1, Guarani 1; Marilia 1, Corinthians 2, Noroeste 1, Mogi Mirim 4: Portuguesa 0, Palmeiras 4; São Paulo 2, Bragantino 0; Rio Branco 1, Ituano 0: União São João 4, Ponte Preta 2; XV de Piracicaba 1, Santos 1 Leading positions: 1, Santos, played 10, 16pts; 2, Palmeiras, 9, 14; 3, Mogi Mirim, 10, 13. Group B: America (São Paulo) 1, Santo Andre 0; Aracatuba 0, Sãocarlense 0, Botafogo (Ribeirão Preto) 1, Novorizontino 1; Internacional (Limeira) 2, Catanduvense 0; Olimpia 3, São Caetano 2: São José 3, Ferroviaria 1, Taquaritinga 2, XV de Jau 0. Leading positions: 1, America, 9, 13; 2, Taquaritinga, 9, 11; 3, Ferroviaria, 9, 11. Rio de Janeiro (first stage): America (Tres Rios) 1, São Cristovão 1; Entrerriense 0, Bangu 0. Flamengo 1, America (Rio de Janeiro) 1, Olaria 2, Fluminense 2; Vasco da Gama 2, Volta Redonda 1. Leading positions (after four matches) 1, Flamengo, 7; 2, Fluminense, 7; 3, Vasco da Gama, 6.

GOLF

CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 206: T Kite, 73, 66, 67. 209: D Barr (Can), 71, 72, 66, P Stewart, 72, 66, 71; F Couples, 71, 67, 71; D Hammond, 69, 69, 71. 210: H Twitty, 70, 72, 68; P Jacobsen, 73, 68, 69; J Maggert, 71, 73, 66. P Azinger, 72, 68, 70, J Mudd, 71, 68, 71, J D Blake, 67, 72, 71; G Twiggs, 72, 67, 71, R Fehr, 72, 67, 71. 211: S Lowery, 71, 72, 68; T Purtzer, 73, 70, 68; L Janzen, 68, 73, 70, B Crenshaw, 72, 69, 70; M McCumber, 71, 70, 70.

SARASOTA, Florida: Chrysler Cup: Final scores (US unless stated) 202: T Weiskopf, 66, 67, 69. 206: G Archer, 65, 73, 68. 208: C C Rodriguez, 67, 72, 69. 210: J Colbert, 70, 73, 67 213: A Geiberger, 70, 71, 72. 214: M Barber, 72, 72, 70 220: M Hill, 71, 78, 71.

HOCKEY

HA CLUB TROPHY: Third round: Amersham 1, Stockton 3, Guernsey 2, City of Oxford 3: Oxton 1, Bowdon 1 (Oxton won 7-6 on penalty strokes). Postponed: North Notts v Halifax.

Pizza Express National League

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hounslow	16	15	0	1	55	13	45
Southgate	16	13	1	2	53	23	40
Old Loughts	15	11	2	2	39	19	35
Havant	16	10	2	4	40	22	32
Firebrands	16	9	5	2	33	85	32
Stourport	16	9	3	4	30	28	30
St Albans	15	7	2	6	26	40	23
Teddington	16	6	4	6	30	24	22
E Grinstead	16	6	3	7	37	28	21
Slough	14	6	2	6	19	21	20
Trojans	16	4	5	7	23	27	17
Bournville	16	5	1	10	20	33	16
Welton	16	4	4	8	17	31	16
Cannock	16	5	1	10	23	39	16
Bromley	16	3	6	7	22	25	15
Canterbury	16	4	2	10	25	38	14
Neston	16	1	2	13	14	42	5
Surbiton	16	0	3	13	26	54	3

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	16	14	1	1	44	7	43
India Gym	16	12	3	1	38	11	39
Guildford	15	13	0	3	39	17	39
Barford	16	10	3	3	25	16	33
Brooklands	16	8	3	5	31	25	27
Beeston	16	8	2	6	21	18	26
Isca	16	6	4	6	25	21	22
Doncaster	15	7	1	7	21	21	22
Cambridge	15	7	1	7	23	24	22
Richmond	16	6	3	7	28	23	21
Warrington	16	4	5	7	21	35	17
Harborne	15	4	4	7	20	24	16
Harleston	15	5	1	9	23	37	16
Cheltenham	16	4	3	9	15	23	15
Chelmsford	16	4	2	10	18	30	14
Breen	16	4	1	11	10	36	13
O Kingst'ns	15	2	3	10	9	20	9
Lyons	15	1	4	10	16	39	7

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham 5, Durham 3; Fife 1, Bracknell 1, Humberside 7, Norwich and Peterborough 10; Nottingham 12, Murrayfield 3; Murrayfield 8, Bracknell 5; Norwich and Peterborough 9, Cardiff 4; Nottingham 8, Humberside 0; Whitley 5, Durham 3. First division: Medway 8, Romford 3; Slough 8, Milton Keynes 4.

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Blackburn 22, Sunderland 3, Guildford 18, Basingstoke 3; Oxford 3, Chelmsford 18; Streatham 18, Stevenage 7; Trafford 10, Wightink 3.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Washington Capitals 2; New York Islanders 7, Hartford Whalers 6 (OT); Ottawa Senators 6, Quebec Nordiques 4; New Jersey Devils 6, Detroit Red Wings 3; Edmonton Oilers 4, San Jose Sharks 1; Winnipeg Jets 7, Minnesota North Stars 6; St Louis Blues 7, Chicago Blackhawks 1.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
Pittsburgh Penguins	39	19	6	84
Washington Capitals	32	24	6	70
New Jersey Devils	31	26	5	67
New York Rangers	28	25	10	66
New York Islanders	29	28	6	64
Philadelphia Flyers	22	30	11	55

Adams division

	W	L	D	Pts
Montreal Canadiens	40	19	6	86
Quebec Nordiques	35	20	9	79
Boston Bruins	33	22	7	73
Buffalo Sabres	31	24	7	69
Hartford Whalers	17	41	4	38
Ottawa Senators	9	53	4	22

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Blackhawks	36	21	8	80
Detroit Red Wings	33	24	9	75
Toronto Maple Leafs	32	22	9	73
Minnesota North Stars	30	25	9	69
St Louis Blues	29	29	8	66
Tampa Bay Lightning	19	40	5	43

Smythe division

	W	L	D	Pts
Vancouver Canucks	35	19	8	78
Calgary Flames	32	21	10	74
Winnipeg Jets	28	29	6	62
Los Angeles Kings	27	29	7	61
Edmonton Oilers	23	34	8	54
San Jose Sharks	8	54	2	18

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGE RACES: Old Oak (Norfolk): 1, A Haddon (Sierra Cosworth), 48min 53sec; 2, S Scott (Sapphire Cosworth), 48:59; 3, R Smithson (Escort Cosworth), 49.10. Holfield Pumps (South Wales): 1, P Lloyd (BMW M3), 71:31; 2, J McKerral (MG Metro 6R4), 71:54; 3, M Davies (Ford Escort), 73:32. Rali Bro Caron (South Wales): 1, T Owen (Ford Escort), 28:41; 2, M Huffer (Ford Escort), 34:21; 3, N Newman (Ford Escort), 39:29. Penrite Oil Historic Rally (South Wales): 1, A Dawson (Lotus Elan), 76:18; 2, J Everard (Austin Healey 3000), 77:14; 3, C Sanders (MG Midget), 77:47. Hendy Ford Panoramic (Staffordshire): 1, D Marland (Ford Escort), 40:34; 2, J Woodward (Ford Escort), 40:40; 3, N Beddoes (Ford Escort), 40:42.

SKIING

WHISTLER MOUNTAIN, Canada: Men's World Cup: Super-giant slalom: 1, G Mader (Austria), 1min 20.66sec; 2, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:20 70; 3, P Ortlieb (Austria), 1:21.20; 4, M Wasmeier (Ger), 1:21.44; 5, A Skaardal (Nor), 1:21.45; 6, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:21.59. British positions: 37, M Bell, 1:23.26; 53, G Bell, 1:24.68. Overall positions: 1, Girardelli, 1,149pts; 2, K-A Aamodt (Nor), 702; 3, A Tomba (It), 692; 4, Heinzer, 678; 5, Mader, 661.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes Improvement British Open: Fifth round: S Davis (Eng) bt S Lee (Eng), 5-2; J White (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-3; K Doherty (Ire) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-3.

SWIMMING

HIGH WYCOMBE: Speedo British grand prix: Round 4: Winners: Men: 200m freestyle: P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 1min 55.60sec. 200m backstroke: S Mellor (Satellite), 2:10 75. 200m breaststroke: M Belcourt (Harrow and Wealdstone), 2:26.46. 50m butterfly: D Warren (City of Leeds), 26.69. 200m butterfly: M Hooper (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:07.36 4 x 50m medley: Barnet Copthall, 1:50.15. Women: 50m freestyle: K Hawcroft (Salford), 28.09sec. 800m freestyle: A Pendrich (Beckenham), 9:18.00. 200m backstroke: K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 2:19.67. 100m breaststroke: K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton), 1:14.58. 50m butterfly: L Waller (Barnet Copthall), 30.16sec. 400m medley: M Smith (Ulster), 5min 02.57sec.

TABLE TENNIS

GERMANY: European women's club cup of champions: Semi-final: Steinhargen (Ger) 4, NFD Grove (GB) 0.

LEADING MEN'S RANKINGS: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak), 2, C Dittmar (Aus); 3, R Martin (Aus); 4, B Martin (Aus); 5, P Marshall (Eng); 6, T Nancarrow (Aus); 7, C Walker (Eng); 8, R Norman (NZ); 9, S Elopuro (Fin); 10, R Eyles (Aus).

LEADING WOMEN'S RANKINGS: 1, M Martin (Aus); 2, M Le Moignan (Eng); 3, C Jackman (Eng); 4, L Irving (Aus); 5, S Wright (Eng); 6, L Opie (Eng); 7, S Horner (Eng); 8, H Wallace (Can); 9, S FitzGerald (Aus); 10, F Geaves (Eng).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Tooting Aquila 3, Polonia Ealing 1; Wessex 3; Speedwell Rucanor 1; KLEA Leeds 3, Reebok Liverpool 1; Newcastle (Staffs) 0, Mizuno Lewisham 3. Women's first division: Sale 3, Dynamo London 0; Woolwich Brixton 3, Britannia Music Hackney 2: Ashcombe Dorking 3, London Lyra 2; KLEA Leeds 3, Wessex 1.

TENNIS

ARIZONA: Scottsdale championship: Final: A Agassi (US) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

COVENTRY: LTA Indoor satellite masters: Men: First round: A Richardson (GB) bt H Priller (Ger), 7-5, 6-4; L Barthez (Fr) bt F Silverberg (Br), 7-6, 7-5; M MacLagan (GB) bt A Kitinov (Mac), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; T Weindofer (Austria) bt D Sapsford (GB), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; C Geyer (Ger) bt R Kraus (Ger), 6-4, 6-3; B Madsen (Haiti) bt P Hand (GB), 6-4, 7-5; P Bouteyre (Fr) bt R Wawra (Austria), 6-3, 6-0; R Eriksson (Swe) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Courier (US), 3,572pts; 2, P Sampras (US), 3,241; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,021; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,701; 5, M Chang (US), 2,326; 6, P Korda (Cz Rep), 2,303; 7, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2,294; 8, A Agassi (US), 2,162, 9, I Lendl (US), 1,982; 10, M Stich (Ger), 1,962; British: 76, J Bates, 533

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Seles (Yugo); 2, S Graf (Ger); 3, M Navratilova (US); 4, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 6, J Capriati (US); 7, M J Fernandez (US); 8, C Martinez (Sp); 9, J Novotna (Cz Rep); 10, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz).

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POOLS FORECAST

WIMBLEDON and Southampton, who are moving towards Premier League safety, seem on course for stalemate at Selhurst Park. Wimbledon made the leaders, Aston Villa, work hard for their narrow win on Saturday while Southampton's thoughts are now on a place in the top half of the table.

Tranmere Rovers, first division promotion contenders, have gone right off the boil, suffering four consecutive defeats, but they can stop the rot by holding lowly Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Despite lying third in the second division, Leyton Orient's away results have been nothing special, but their victory over the clear leaders, Stoke City, on Saturday should have given them the confidence to draw at Bolton Wanderers.

Reading, who have already drawn seven times away from home this season, will probably add to that total at Fulham.

By drawing 2-2 at Underhill in October, Shrewsbury Town are one of only two sides to have avoided defeat at Barnet. The third division teams are again in opposition on Saturday, and another draw is likely.

Solihull v Dorchester has the best treble chance possibilities in the Beazer Homes League section.

Saturday March 6 unless stated

FA CUP
SIXTH ROUND
1 Blackburn v Sheff Utd
X Ipswich v Arsenal
Not on coupons: Derby v Sheffield Wednesday (Monday); Manchester City v Tottenham (Sunday)

PREMIER LEAGUE
2 Liverpool v Man Utd
1 QPR v Norwich
X Wimbledon v South'pton
Not on coupons: Coventry v Everton (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Leicester
1 Birmingham v Oxford
X Bristol C v Tranmere
X Millwall v Sunderland
1 Newcastle v Brentford
1 Notts Co v Bristol R
X Peterborough v Grimsby
1 Portsmouth v Luton
2 Southend v Charlton
2 Watford v Swindon
1 West Ham v Wolves

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Hartlepool
X Bolton v Leyton O
1 Bourn'm'th v Exeter
1 Bradford v Hull
1 Brighton v Port Vale
X Fulham v Reading
2 Hudd'field v Rotherham
1 Mansfield v Wigan
X Plymouth v Preston
1 Stoke v Chester
X West Brom v Burnley
Not on coupons: Swansea v Stockport (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION
1 Crewe v Gillingham
1 Lincoln v North'pton
2 Rochdale v Cardiff
2 Scarborough v Bury
X Scunthorpe v Chest'field
X Shrewsbury v Barnet
1 Torquay v Darlington
1 Wrexham v Hereford
Not on coupons: Doncaster v York (Friday): Halifax v Carlisle

BEAZER HOMES LGE
PREMIER DIVISION
1 Cheltenham v Hastings
1 Crawley v Moor Green
1 Gloucester v Bashley
2 Hednesford v Burton
X Solihull v Dorchester
X Trowbridge v Dover
2 Weymouth v Atherstone
1 Worcester v VS Rugby

SCOTTISH CUP
FIFTH ROUND
1 Aberdeen v Clydebank
1 Hearts v Falkirk
1 Hibernian v St Johnstone
Not on coupons: Arbroath v Rangers

SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Airdrie v Dundee Utd
1 Dundee v Motherwell

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Ayr v Cowdenbeath
1 Hamilton v Dumbarton
1 Raith v Morton
X St Mirren v Dunf'mline
2 Stirling v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH SECOND
X Berwick v Clyde
1 Forfar v Stenh'mur
1 Montrose v Albion
2 Q of Sth v Brechin
1 Stranraer v Queen's Pk

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Wimbledon, Bristol City, Millwall, Bolton, Fulham, Plymouth, West Brom, Scunthorpe, Shrewsbury, Solihull, St Mirren, Berwick.

BEST DRAWS: Wimbledon, Bristol City, Bolton, Fulham, Shrewsbury

AWAYS: Arsenal, Manchester United, Charlton, Cardiff, Burton.

HOMES: Blackburn, Newcastle, Notts County, West Ham, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Stoke, Lincoln, Cheltenham, Worcester, Hearts, Raith.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Blackburn, Notts County, Stoke, Lincoln, Hearts. Aways: Manchester United, Charlton, Cardiff Draws: Wimbledon, Fulham, Shrewsbury.

□ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Premier League
Ipswich v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Oldham v Liverpool
Sheffield Utd v Tottenham (7.45)

Barclays League
First division
Fulham v Bournemouth (7.45)
Hartlepool v Wigan
Rotherham v Stockport

Third division
Barnet v Gillingham (7.45)
Chesterfield v Lincoln

Semi-professional
International
England v Wales (at Cheltenham Town FC)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kettering v Runcorn

Drinkwise Cup
Semi-final, second leg
First leg score in brackets
Macclesfield (0) v Northwich (2)

Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Partick

First division
Hamilton v Ayr

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield v Yeading, Grays v Bognor, Hendon v Aylesbury; St Albans v Wivenhoe; Staines v Basingstoke; Windsor and Eton v Kingstonian.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Newtown v Holywell

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Gainsborough; Goole v Bishop Auckland.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings v Bashley; Waterlooville v Crawley (7.45).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Stoke City. Second division: Grimsby Town v Huddersfield Town; Preston North End v Bradford City.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Oxford United (2.0).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Bamber Bridge v Blackpool Rovers, Clitheroe v Darwen, Flixton v Atherton LR: Salford City v Bacup Borough.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FULL MEMBERS CUP: First round: Bishop's Stortford v Hayes

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: G and W Engineering Cup: Liversedge v Denaby; Stocksbridge PS v Lincoln.

FA CUP: Fifth round: Bristol City v Norwich City, Millwall v Nottingham Forest.

RUGBY UNION

All 7.0

Club matches
Abertillery v Swansea
Bridgend v Glamorgan Wanderers
Cross Keys v Newbridge
Newport v Gloucester
Pontypool v Penarth
Pontypridd v Ebbw Vale

CANCELLED: Blaina v Glamorgan Wanderers.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY British Open (Derby).

TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Coventry).

Answers from page 44

RHADAMANTHUS

(b) An inflexible judge, a rigorous or severe master, allusively from the name of a son of Zeus and Europa in Greek mythology. He became one of the judges in the lower world. George Eliot: "A wondrously delicate machine for testing sovereigns, a shrewd implacable little steel Rhadamanthus, that lifts and balances each in turn."

CASAQUE

(c) A woman's blouse or jumper, from the French word for a *cassock*: "The casaque, or Louis XVI jacket, in brocade or very handsome fancy cloth, is another revival of this season."

TRONC

(b) In hotels and restaurants, a common fund into which tips and service charges are paid for distribution to the staff, from the French word for a collecting-box: "In all troncs (pooled tips, which the tronc head waiter distributes according to the number of points each waiter has) they declare an average figure to the Income Tax."

ITHEL

(c) A tamarisk. *Tamarix aphylla*, bearing panicles of pink flowers and minute leaves, native to western Asia and north-east Africa, from the local Arabic: "The Ithel Tamarisk is a shrub or small tree, useful as a windbreak in desert regions."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Kg3! planning 2 Kxg4 and 3 Kxf3. Black has no way to prevent this.

Government likely to allow owners VAT registration

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE THREAT posed to racing and bloodstock by high VAT is on the verge of being lifted by the government.

In what amounts to a momentous victory for the industry, Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the exchequer, is expected to announce shortly that racehorse owners will be allowed to register for VAT.

The crucial policy decision means owners will be able to reclaim VAT on all racing-related expenditure including the purchase of a horse and, significantly, training fees.

According to informed Westminster sources, objections to such a registration scheme, in particular from Customs and Excise, have been dropped and agreement has been reached at senior official level.

The deal, which follows talks with racing leaders led by Lord Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, David Gibson, president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Assocation, and Sir Nevil Macready, chairman of the Horseracing Advisory Council, is understood to have the backing of Sir John Cope, the paymaster general, and the chancellor of the exchequer, who held a meeting to discuss the issue in the past few days.

In return for the VAT registration scheme, racing will have to respond with various measures. Owners will be required to make their horses available to generate income — from sponsorship and appearance money.

In practice, owners will have to sign a form saying they are looking for sponsorship for their horses. The new procedure will involve a change in the rules of racing by the Jockey Club.

The registration scheme — which is expected to be backdated to come into effect from yesterday (March 1) — follows intense lobbying by the racing and breeding industry over the past two years.

The campaign was prompted by the introduction of the single market this year and the 17.5 per cent rate of VAT on bloodstock in Britain, compared to 2.7 per cent in Ireland and 5.5 per cent in France.

The vast difference in tax rates threatened to end Britain's pre-eminent position in the European bloodstock industry as owners and vendors switched to Ireland with its low tax regime.

In November, the Newmarket-based company Tattersalls announced its prestigious Houghton yearling sales would be staged in Ireland rather than at Headquarters in 1993.

Foreign owners have been increasingly reluctant to have horses in training in Britain, due to a combination of low prize-money and high VAT rates on training bills. Shaikh Mohammed and Khaled Abdulla have already sent more horses to France.

In December, the Commons employment select committee rebuked Customs and Excise for regarding racing as a "rich man's hobby" rather than a major source of employment and revenue. The MPs unanimously recommended a VAT registration scheme for owners — already in force in eight out of 12 EC countries.

The tone of the select committee report prompted a more sympathetic approach from Customs. The prime minister's concern about the potential threat to racing from VAT flowed down the ministerial ladder.

Richard Spring, MP for Bury St Edmunds, Jim Paice, MP for south east Cambridgeshire, and — most notably — the late Judith Chaplin, the MP for Newbury who died last week, are understood to have had an important input into Government thinking.

Mrs Chaplin, who worked in John Major's private office before becoming an MP, is believed to have tipped the balance in the same way she successfully worked behind the scenes to reduce betting duty.

A report by Coopers and Lybrand last year estimated the registration scheme would cost the treasury £12 to £15 million. However, it suggested the VAT changes would "generate an increased level of activity which would in turn increase the yield from both VAT on admittance to racecourses and from the betting duty."

The imminent government announcement is not only a tremendous tonic for racing after two years of unremitting gloom and crisis — it will also do no harm to the Conservative party's chance of winning the by-election in the Newbury constituency, which includes the training centre of Lambourn.

□ Prospects for today's three meetings surviving the cold weather are bright — although the stewards at Taunton have arranged a precautionary inspection for 6.45am. Clerk of the course, Michael Trickey, said: "There are no problems, and we would have been able to race today."



Cope: backing for the crucial policy decision

[illegible]

Nap: THATCHER ROCK
(3.05 Lingfield)
Next best: Dubacilla
(3.55 Taunton)

Bonner has fine hope in Crazy River

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

THE loss of his top-class hunter chaser Federal Trooper last season was a bitter blow for Peter Bonner. But he has switched his six-year-old staying hurdler Crazy River to pointing, and has been rewarded with another promising performer.

At the Mid Surrey point-to-point on Saturday, Tim McCarthy trailed his eight rivals in the open event for two miles but then swept through to lead on Crazy River two fences out before beating The Lager Lout by 12 lengths.

Bonner has had Crazy River since he ran on the Flat as a two-year-old. "He always ran as if five miles would suit him better than five furlongs," he said. Crazy River found his forte in long-distance hurdles and won twice last season from Jenny Pitman's yard.

Now with Denis McCarthy, he is no amiable character. "He's savage and has bitten my shoulder," Bonner said.

Although he would like to see him race at Worcester in The Times Rising Stars final, Bonner is not keen on taking him to Lingfield in three week's time for the qualifying race. Tim McCarthy believes it would be better to wait until next season, saying: "He'll still only be seven and needs more jumping experience."

Repeat drug used for Her Honour

THE dopers who nobbled Triumph Hurdle contender Her Honour at Kempton last month gave her the same drug that was used three years ago to stop horses at Doncaster and Yarmouth.

The Martin Pipe-trained filly was administered Acetylpromazine before her 40-length defeat behind Indian Quest.

This fast-acting tranquiliser was also found in tests on Bravefoot and Norwich at the Doncaster 1990 St Leger meeting, and also on Flying Diva at Yarmouth the same season.

The Jockey Club, who released details of the drug yesterday, also revealed that a different sedative — Detomidine — was given to Flash Of Straw, the Geoff Lewis-trained horse doped at Yarmouth last August.

A statement from spokesman David Pipe said: "Since any benefit that could have been obtained by not revealing the prohibited substances involved has now been lost, the police forces concerned have no objection to the substances being made public. The trainers concerned have agreed to this."

Acetylpromazine — which can be administered by injection or tablet, or squirted into the nostrils — was also present in two horses doped at Kilbeggan, Ireland, in 1991.

Its effect on a horse would be similar to Detomidine, which causes the muscles to relax and breathing to slow down.

Surrey detectives have admitted that the trail for Flash Of Straw's dopers has gone cold, but the Jockey Club is hoping that Devon and Cornwall police can make more progress on the Her Honour investigation.

They took on the case last Friday, and will prepare a report for their Chief Constable.

It is not known at this stage whether the west country force will be liaising with the South Yorkshire officers who headed the Doncaster doping enquiry, but failed to catch the culprits.

Cheltenham hopes clash at Newbury

CHAMPION Hurdle outsiders Royal Derbi and Flakey Dove are set to meet in the Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury on Saturday.

They are among the nine horses entered in the two mile five furlong contest which will be their final outings before the Cheltenham Festival.

Front-runner Royal Derbi was a surprise winner of the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown in January, but finished well beaten when favourite for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last time.

Trainer Neville Callaghan said: "The intention is to run. We'll just see how he progresses during the week."

Flakey Dove, fifth in the Newbury race, returned to winning form in the Regency Hurdle at Warwick last week where she beat Lift And Load. Trainer Richard Price has also engaged her in the Eastleigh Handicap Hurdle on the same card.

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THUNDERER

1.45 Toss The Dice. 2.15 Top Javalin. 2.45 High Padre. 3.15 Urizen. 3.45 Final Chant. 4.15 CRUISE ALONG (nap). 4.45 Sagaman.

Brian Beel: 3.45 Renagown.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 CATCHAPENNY.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

1.45 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,866: 2m) (15 runners)

1 150414 HILLTOWN BLUES 10 (D,G) (T Dyer) T Dyer 11-4 — P Harley 77
2 1 ANKUD 14 (S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 10-13 — M Foster 90
3 6136F0 QUIET MISS 20 (B,F) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 10-13 — C Grant 91
4 1F0 SPEEDY SIOUX 13 (D,G) (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 10-13 — N Williamson 79
5 0P ANDY JACK 108 (Mrs M Bosley) J Bennett 10-12 — M Hazell —
6 CROMER'S EXPRESS 180F (T Kersey) T Kersey 10-12 — Susan Kersey —
7 0000P MONAME 27 (J Archer) W Clay 10-12 — Diane Clay —
8 P PRIORY PIPER 7 (Mrs J Pickering) J Pickering 10-12 — D Bridgwater —
9 3F RAP UP FAST 101 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 10-12 — J Supple (7) —
10 2 TOSS THE DICE 24 (J Good) M Tompkins 10-12 — R Campbell [illegible]
11 345 ALDINGTON PEACH 18 (L Parry) P Evans 10-7 — J Osborne 88
12 05U BUCK COMTESS 8F (G Forbes) J Jenkins 10-7 — R Dunwoody 70
13 4002 HALLO MAM 6 (O Brennan) O Brennan 10-7 — M Dwyer 83
14 6533 MISS MARIGOLD 60 (Mrs A Fayers) R Hodges 10-7 — I Lawrence 70
15 002 SURF BOAT 7 (B) (Mrs V Wright) N Tinkler 10-7 — G McCourt 81

BETTING: 9-4 Toss The Dice, 9-2 Hallo Mam, 5-1 Ankud, 8-1 Surf Boat, 10-1 Miss Marigold, 12-1 Quiet Miss, 14-1 Aldington Peach, 16-1 others.

1992: CARIBBEAN PRINCE 11-4 G McCourt (2-1 fav) M McCourt 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

HILLTOWN BLUES 7½l 4th of 9 to Notable Exception in Newcastle (2m 110yd, good) claiming novice hurdle. Previously beat John Naman 2l in 10-runner Ayr (2m, good) claiming hurdle with ALDINGTON PEACH (9lb better off) 8l 5th. ANKUD beat Daily Sport Girl 8l in 12-runner Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft) selling novice hurdle. TOSS THE DICE 15l 2nd of 10 to Arsenal in Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. HALLO MAM 3l 2nd of 6 to Family Line in Doncaster (2m 110yd, firm) claiming hurdle. MISS MARIGOLD 5¾l 3rd of 15 to Tudor Da Samba in Taunton (2m 1f, soft) selling hurdle on penultimate start.
Selection: TOSS THE DICE

2.15 SHERWOOD RANGERS YEOMANRY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,566: 3m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 0/11/ KEELBY 766 (D,G,S) (R Green) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10 — M Dwyer —
2 523/41F MIDLAND GLENN 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 9-11-7 — A Mulholland 96
3 S01330 TOP JAVALIN 28 (D,S) (Mrs J Balp) D Barons 6-10-6 — J Frost 98
4 310-523 VILLAGE REINDEER 17 (S) (J Chester) P Calver 6-10-0 — C Grant [illegible]
5 P0431/0 FISTFUL OF BUCKS 31 (B,G) (T Dyer) T Dyer 7-10-0 — P Harley 80

Long handicap: Village Reindeer 9-13, Fistful Of Bucks 9-11.

BETTING: 7-4 Village Reindeer, 2-1 Midland Glenn, 4-1 Keelby, 5-1 Top Javalin, 16-1 Fistful Of Bucks.

1992: ONE MORE KNIGHT 9-11-1 L Harvey (2-1 fav) Mrs I McKie 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEELBY has been absent since beating Forget The Rest 2l in 14-runner Doncaster (3m 110yd, good) novice hurdle in Jan 1991. MIDLAND GLENN beat Vital Witness neck in 9-runner Market Rasen (3m, soft) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. TOP JAVALIN ½l 3rd of 7 to Sayyure in Kempton (3m 110yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. VILLAGE REINDEER 14½l 3rd of 10 to impressive winner Andermatt in Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle. FISTFUL OF BUCKS 31l 7th of 13 to Jalaram in Doncaster (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle.
Selection: MIDLAND GLENN

2.45 LONG EATON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,835: 3m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 6F/430/ VULGAN WARRIOR 675 (F,G) (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 11-12-0 — G McCourt —
2 02-F3PP AUCTION LAW 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 9-11-9 — N Hawke 94
3 342433 ARCTIC TEAL 13 (V,C,F,G,S) (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 9-11-4 — J Osborne 94
4 131325 PROPLUS 109 (BF,F,G,S) (D Curtis) J Edwards 11-10-13 — N Williamson 92
5 6P1613 BERESFORDS GIRL 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 8-10-11 — E Byrne 98
6 P/054FP ROYAL CEDAR 49 (F,G,S) (J Curtis) J Curtis 12-10-11 — L Harvey 80
7 1-31F1P HIGH PADRE 17 (C,BF,G,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 — M Dwyer 94
8 X3/03-5P RICH REMORSE 14 (F,S) (M Rogers) R Curtis 14-10-7 — C Llewellyn 98
9 65/1F20 NATHAN BLAKE 106 (B,F,G) (Mrs J Corbett) K Bailey 8-10-3 — R Dunwoody 95
10 86441/3- ANOTHER STRIPLIGHT 516 (F) (M Wland) R Brotherton 10-10-0 — C Grant 80
11 P33012 CATCHAPENNY 15 (B,S) (C Coungo) M Wilkinson 8-10-0 — S J O'Neill [illegible]

Long handicap: Catchapenny 9-9.

BETTING: 2-1 High Padre, 4-1 Beresford Girl, 5-1 Catchapenny, 7-1 Proplus, 8-1 Nathan Blake, Arctic Teal, 10-1 Auction Law, 12-1 Another Striplight, 14-1 Vulgan Warrior, 16-1 others.

1992: MR BOSTON 7-10-11 S Turner (11-4 fav) R Woodhouse 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUCTION LAW 12¾l 3rd of 9 to Rushing Wild in Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase in December. ARCTIC TEAL 16½l 3rd of 8 to Smooth Escort in Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft) handicap chase. PROPLUS 4l 2nd of 8 to Singlesole in Southwell (3m 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase on penultimate start. BERESFORDS GIRL beat Mr Setaside ¾l in 13-runner Leicester (3m, soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. HIGH PADRE beat Bass Charm 7l in 15-runner handicap chase here (3m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. CATCHAPENNY ¾l 2nd of 7 to Vicompt De Valmont in Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, good) novice chase.
Selection: HIGH PADRE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%
N Henderson	11	33	33.3
M Pipe	13	50	26.0
Miss H Knight	4	16	25.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	11	55	20.0
R Hodges	5	26	19.2
D Nicholson	8	46	17.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mr J Durkan	3	8	37.5
G McCourt	18	75	24.0
M Dwyer	13	72	18.1
R Dunwoody	15	84	17.9
J Osborne	7	43	16.3
C Llewellyn	4	27	14.8

3.15 DERWENT NOVICES CHASE (£2,427: 2m 5f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 11-31P5 ROYAL SAXON 20 (B,D,S) (Mrs J Featherer) Miss H Knight 7-11-8 — J Osborne 84
2 4/031-31 BARRICA 15 (F,G) (A Albright) D Nicholson 6-11-3 — R Dunwoody 87
3 00/P0P0 CASH POINT 24 (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 8-11-2 — D Bentley (5) —
4 00/0P54 COP FOR THAT 13 (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 11-11-2 — S Lyons (5) —
5 06560/P DENBERDAR 34 (F) (M Clarke) M Barraclough 10-11-2 — Gary Lyons —
6 2080-0P EVENLODE 54 (Mrs J Woolley) C Vernon Miller 9-11-2 — L Harvey 90
7 033/50 MODULATOR 11 (T Dyer) T Dyer 11-11-2 — P Harley 76
8 7058P-P NOM DE FORT 3 (Mrs J Nichols) R Spicer 8-11-2 — J McLaughlin —
9 P42F4U ON THE TEAR 31 (J Hanson) J Hanson 7-11-2 — G Bradley 83
10 2-24F42 TUFFNUT GEORGE 7 (D Lowe) J Pickering 6-11-2 — D Bridgwater 98
11 022-85F URIZEN 19 (G,S) (Mrs P Hartley) J Edwards 8-11-2 — N Williamson [illegible]
12 P-35E25 WILD ATLANTIC 22 (G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 10-11-2 — C Grant 94
13 0F3-2PP MAYFAIR MINX 31 (F,G) (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 9-10-11 — M McGonagle (5) —
14 5/54F84 STUPID CUPID 17 (F,G) (D Etingham) R Rowe 9-10-11 — G McCourt 89

BETTING: 11-4 Barrica, 7-2 Tuffnut George, 5-1 Urizen, 6-1 Stupid Cupid, 8-1 Wild Atlantic, 10-1 Royal Saxon, 12-1 Evenlode, 14-1 Cop For That, 16-1 others.

1992: RIO HAINA 7-10-10 G McCourt (20-1) T Forster 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARRICA beat Saraville 3l in 12-runner Hereford (2m 3f, good) novice chase. ON THE TEAR 30½l 4th of 9 to One For The Pot in Catterick (2m, soft) novice chase on penultimate start. TUFFNUT GEORGE 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Ballyme Lady in Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good) novice chase. URIZEN 4l 3rd of 10 to Light Veneer in novice chase here (3m 110yd, soft) in December. WILD ATLANTIC 12l 2nd of 6 to The Yank in Edinburgh (3m, good) claiming novice chase on penultimate start. STUPID CUPID 28l 3rd of 8 to Washingtoncrossing in Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) novice chase on penultimate start.
Selection: TUFFNUT GEORGE

3.45 17th-21st LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP (Hunter chase: amateurs: £1,350: 3m 110yd) (16 runners)

1 381-113 ASSAGLAWI 143 (CD,F,G) (R Green) Miss H Knight 11-12-10 — Miss A Dare (5) 96
2 4/2P11-1 FINAL CHANT 25 (D,F,G,S) (D Brydon) D Brydon 12-12-10 — R H Brown (5) 95
3 111381 ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 20 (D,F,G) (Miss S Cutcliffe) O Sherwood 9-12-10 J Durkan (3) 94
4 212P31 CRAFTY COPPER 17 (B,S) (P Bradley) P Bradley 9-12-7 — B Leavy (7) 96
5 2251P-P HARLEY 18 (D,G,S) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 13-12-7 — D McCain (5) 90
6 13P4-4U SPORTING MARINER 12 (CD,F,G,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 11-12-7 — P Harding-Jones (5) 75
7 F441U-P SIRISAT 24 (D,F) (K Hollowell) K Hollowell 9-12-5 — K Hollowell (7) 89
8 0F- ALASKAN GOODWILL 311 (Mrs R Birtwistle) Mrs R Birtwistle 10-12-0 — M Coglan (7) —
9 4P46P-0 ANOTHER CORNER 17 (B,F,G,S) (T Donnelly) T Donnelly 10-12-0 — R Armson (7) 89
10 200/1-PP BEAU ROSE 20 (D,F,G) (A Sumner) C Triefline 10-12-0 — N Bradley (7) 98
11 0302F-5 GADBROOK 18 (B,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 11-12-0 — M Armytage 88
12 P/P6P/ GROUSE MOOR 721 (B Collier) R Collier 14-12-0 — J Bennett (7) —
13 2F2F2F RENAGOWN 11 (F,S) (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 10-12-0 — S Bisby (7) [illegible]
14 /0382-6 RIG STEEL 17 (D,F,G,S) (Exors of late R Robbins) B Morgan 13-12-0 — Miss S Baxter (7) 81
15 135/P/U TENESAINT 20 (D,F,G,S) (C Saunders) C Saunders 12-12-0 — B Pollock (7) —
16 1202P-5 THE CITY MINSTREL 20 (D,F,G) (P Cowe) S Bush 8-12-0 — S Bush (7) 88

BETTING: 4-1 Final Chant, 5-1 Beau Rose, 6-1 Renagown, 7-1 Crafty Copper, 8-1 Rig Steel, Harley, 10-1 Assaglawi, 12-1 Gadbrook, Royle Speedmaster, 14-1 Another Corner, Sporting Mariner, 16-1 others.

1992: SPORTING MARINER 10-11-7 D Bloor (25-1) D Bloor 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASSAGLAWI completed double when beating Canon Class head in 5-runner Worcester (2m 7f, firm) handicap chase on penultimate start. FINAL CHANT beat Once Stung ½l in 12-runner Kelso (3m 1f, good) hunter chase. ROYLE SPEEDMASTER beat Torrent Bay 10l in 11-runner Ludlow (3m, good) hunter chase with THE CITY MINSTREL (same terms) 32½l 5th. TENESAINT whipped round start and BEAU ROSE pulled up before 3 out. CRAFTY COPPER beat Mount Argus short head in 9-runner Uttoxeter (2m 7f, good to soft) hunter chase with RIG STEEL (7lb better off) tailed off 6th and ANOTHER CORNER 7th. GADBROOK distant 5th of 9 to Swinboe Croft in Bangor (3m 110yd, soft) hunter chase with HARLEY pulled up before 14th. RENAGOWN led and fell last in Edinburgh (3m, good to firm) race won by The Red One.
Selection: ROYLE SPEEDMASTER

4.15 WOODBOROUGH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,484: 2m 5f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 35-0346 RONANS GLEN 74 (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 6-11-10 — R Dunwoody [illegible]
2 0P-3033 GARSTON LA GAFFE 8 (B) (East Garston Racing) M Bradstock 8-11-8 — J Osborne 98
3 00-F002 CRUISE ALONG 14 (R Goodwin) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 — C Llewellyn 95
4 362602 CIRCUIT RING 15 (Mrs P Whistle) T Caldwell 7-11-5 — Pat Caldwell 97
5 52P433 EMPEROR CHANG 10 (G Barnett) G Barnett 6-11-3 — R Farrant (5) 96
6 5585-66 CRUISE PARTY 11 (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) Mrs D Haine 5-11-2 — D Murphy 98
7 524640 WHATCOMESNATURALLY 45 (T Thorp) M Hammond 4-11-0 — C Grant 93
8 3P0S- QUEENS TOUR 137F (T Kersey) T Kersey 8-10-13 — Susan Kersey 96
9 8-000 STORMY SWAN 13 (R Mathew) R Mathew 7-10-10 — D Bridgwater —

BETTING: 5-2 Cruise Along, 7-2 Circuit Ring, 5-1 Garston La Gaffe, 6-1 Emperor Chang, 7-1 Whatcomesnaturally, 10-1 Ronans Glen, 12-1 others.

1992: HUSO 4-10-12 J Callaghan (9-2) P Haslam 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

RONANS GLEN 10l 4th of 10 to High Altitude in Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft) novice hurdle penultimate start. GARSTON LA GAFFE 15l 3rd of 9 to Fotoexpress in Plumpton (2m 4f, good) novice handicap hurdle penultimate start. CRUISE ALONG 3l 2nd of 11 to Sheen Alpine in Towcester (2m 5f, soft) novice hurdle. CIRCUIT RING 4l 2nd of 18 to Miss Equilla in Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good) claiming hurdle. EMPEROR CHANG 3¼l 3rd of 11 to Master Jolson in novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). WHATCOMESNATURALLY 11l 4th of 18 to Bold Boss in Newcastle (2m 110yd, heavy) novice hurdle penultimate start.
Selection: CRUISE ALONG

4.45 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952: 2m) (5 runners)

1 81FU8-1 SAGAMAN 152 (D,G,S) (M Dooley) K Burke 7-12-0 — G McCourt 90
2 21F8-56 SYDMONTON 73 (D,G) (P Oldfield) N Henderson 7-10-2 — R Dunwoody 96
3 2-24660 KAYTAK 31 (V,D,G) (T Myles & Co (Contractors) Ltd) J Jenkins 6-10-1 — D Murphy [illegible]
4 T1/0P11 DONOSTI 21 (D,F,G) (Will Rossiter) R Lee 9-10-0 — NON-RUNNER —
5 60P3PP- CHARLIE DICKINS 353 (D,S) (J Morris) J Harris 9-10-0 — J A Harris 92

Long handicap: Charlie Dickins 9-9.

BETTING: 6-4 Sagaman, 5-2 Sydmonton, 3-1 Kaytak, 10-1 Charlie Dickins.

1992: TOMAHAWK 5-9-11 D Matthews (4-1) R Holder 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAGAMAN beat Welshman 6l in 10-runner Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good) handicap hurdle in October. SYDMONTON 17l 5th of 8 to Atlaas in Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle with KAYTAK (4lb better off) 15l 6th.
Selection: SAGAMAN (nap)

□ Gran Alba, trained by Richard Hannon, has been retired after finishing a disappointing fourth to Valfinet in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton last week.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Plumpton

Going: good

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, CLEEVELAND LADY (R Darke, 11-4); 2, Mamalama (Rachel Bridger, 20-1); 3, Scalp 'em (A Maguire, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Yimkin Bookra (4th), 6 High Beacon (pu), 12 Mediator (6th), 16 Alamir (5th), 25 My Books Are Best (pu), 33 Gablizzi, 50 West Watch (pu), The Overtrumper. 11 ran. 3½l, ¾l, 15l, 8l, 5l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £14.60. CSF: £49.21.

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, MEL'S ROSE (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Duteat (P Scudamore, 13-2); 3, Open Sesame (P Holley, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Odiex, 13-2 Mickeen (pu), 12 Up All Night (6th), 25 Threebuck Creek (pu), Sally Soham (5th), 33 Candle Glow (4th), Full Of Tricks, 50 Beach Bum. 11 ran. 6l, 1½l, ¾l, 1l, 10l. Dr J Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £5.40. CSF: £13.72.

2.50 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, SHASTON (P Holley, 7-2); 2, Heyfleet (M Pitman, 11-2); 3, Popeswood (M Perrett, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Pry's-Joy (pu), 9-2 Pete's Sake (f), 8 Dunraven Royal (pu), 25 Father John (pu), 33 Granny's Prayer (5th), 100 Ginger Dip (4th). 9 ran. NR: Turnberry Dawn. ½l, 12l, 8l, 30l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £4.70; £2.80, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £25.00. CSF: £21.22. Tricast: £92.91.

3.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, JINGA (E Murphy, 8-1); 2, Manhattan Boy (M Houngan, 8-1); 3, Noble Insight (P Scudamore, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Sufi Boy, 7-2 Northern Village, 4 Villa Recos (5th), 10 Quai D'Orsey (pu), 20 Joker Jack (4th), Take Issue (6th), 50 Laabas. 10 ran. NR: Clever Dick, Trojan Call. 6l, 3½l, ¾l, 1l, nk. Lady Hemes at Littlehampton. Tote: £10.60; £3.10, £2.70, £2.40. DF: £50.70. CSF: £66.12. Tricast: £433.21.

3.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, ROGER'S PAL (G Moore, 7-2); 2, Cloghran Lad (D Leahy, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, Brigtina (R Farrant, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 King Of Normandy (6th), 14 Shardra (4th), Court Room, 25 Bold Scark (pu), 33 Leah Jay (pu), Llanelly (5th), Willow Blue. 10 ran. 3½l, 4l, 15l, 6l, hd. A Moore at Brighton. Tote: £4.70; £2.30, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £9.70. CSF: £12.35. Tricast: £22.10. No bid.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, PATS MINSTREL (A Maguire, 7-1); 2, Blue Ensign (R Farrant, 33-1); 3, Rampallion (T Grantham, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8-15 fav Noble Ben (ur), 11-2 Rope (5th), 33 Kitty Butler (4th), 50 Finnegais (pu), Hot Lass (f). 8 ran. NR: Ostura. ½l, 5l, 25l, 30l. R Champion at Newmarket. Tote: £6.30; £1.40, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £29.70. CSF: £138.83.

4.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, CAPPUCCINO GIRL (M Crosse, 20-1); 2, Lady Gwenmore (D Bridgwater, 8-1); 3, Urban Cowboy (S McNeill, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Moving Out, 3 Hillwalk (4th), 8 Mrs Mayhew (5th), 14 Comkens (pu), 20 General Brandy, 25 Castle Blue (6th), 33 Across The Card, 50 Sky Habs. 11 ran. 2½l, 3l, 8l, 2l, ½l. F Gray. Tote: £18.90; £3.20, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £60.80. CSF: £168.05.

Placepot: £666.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (2m) 1, MASTER FOODBROKER (D McCabe, 25-1); 2, Kovalevskia (A Tucker, 10-1); 3, Bedouin Prince (Stephen Davies, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Qualitair Rhythm (6th), 11-4 Mr Poppleton (4th), 10 Eliza Wooding (5th), 11 Dancing Days, 12 Lalkadio (6th), 16 Soul Trader. 9 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 2l, ½l, 10l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £22.40; £3.90, £3.80, £1.80. DF: £243.50. CSF: £219.85. Tricast: £1,540.34.

2.40 (7f) 1, CLAUDIA MISS (Dean McKeown, 6-1); 2, Silky Siren (J Quinn, 7-4 fav); 3, Most Surprising (M Humphries, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Farm Street, 7 Fiaba, 9 Pop To Stans, 10 Lily's Lover (5th), 14 Turtle Beach, Rose Gem, 25 Morpick (4th), 33 Cal's Boy (6th), Mahzooz, Weekend Girl, The Tondy, Tibby Head, Kechina Maid. 16 ran. ½l, 2l, 1l, ½l, 2l. W Haigh at Malton. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.30, £8.40. DF: £16.80. CSF: £18.19.

3.10 (7f) 1, ROSE FLYER (C McCabe, 13-2); 2, Jordywrath (J McLaughlin, 9-2); 3, Stevie's Wonder (T Quinn, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Pytchley Dawn (5th), Nuds Noo Noo, 9 Diamond Lucy, 12 Don't Be Sain (4th), 25 Formaestre (6th). 8 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1¾l, nk, 1½l. M Chapman at Market Rasen. Tote: £6.20; £1.60, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £17.10. CSF: £39.40. Tricast: £179.65.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, ATLANTIC WAY (G Bardwell, 11-2); 2, Karamoja (T Quinn, 4-1); 3, Red Indian (Dean McKeown, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Annacurragh, 5 Lock Keeper, 7 Mon Peitnemour, 10 Sol Rouge (5th), 11 La Reine Rouge (6th), 20 Ace Reporter, 25 Miss Lawn (4th), Mar Pen Ree, 50 I'm Curious. 12 ran. 3l, 8l, 5l, nk, 1½l. C Hill at Southwell. Tote: £7.30; £2.50, £3.10, £1.70. DF: £10.40. CSF: £29.14.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, HUSH BABY (D Wright, 14-1); 2, Barsal (Alex Greaves, 3-1); 3, Soloman Springs (O Pears, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Carsango (4th), 11-2 Mountain Willow (6th), 20 Turfman's Vision (5th), Persian Star, 33 Free Dancer, Noble Measure. 9 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 2½l, 2l, hd. C Allen at Newmarket. Tote: £16.40; £2.40, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £20.90. CSF: £57.01.

4.40 (5f) 1, STRIP CARTOON (B Russell, 11-2); 2, Comet Whirlpool (J Quinn, 7-1); 3, Arc Lamp (S D Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Cuatro Femme, 100-30 Ewald (4th), 10 Lincstone Boy, 16 Manette Ladies (5th), Comiskey Park (6th), 20 Stadles Hill, 25 Miss El Arab, 33 Long Last. 11 ran. ½l, hd, ½l, 3l, 2l. S Bowring at Edwinstowe. Tote: £5.80; £3.20, £1.90, £3.70. DF: £13.90. CSF: £41.51. Tricast: £314.97.

Placepot: £422.80.

□ Leicester abandoned — snow on course.

TAUNTON

THUNDERER

1.55 Idoni. 2.25 Tudor Da Samba. 2.55 Shu Fly. 3.25 Sandro. 3.55 Dubacilla. 4.25 Sweet N' Twenty.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (6.45AM INSPECTION) — SIS

1.55 WITHYPOOL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,668: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 861P DESERT FORCE 3 (V,D,S) Miss Gay Kelleway 11-5 — H Davies
2 0053 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 34 M Heaton-Ellis 10-12 — S Keightley
3 CONSTRUCTIVIST 131F M Barraclough 10-12 — S McNeill
4 5004 FERMAIN 40 A Barrow 10-12 — Peter Hobbs
5 U IDONI 12 R Curtis 10-12 — D Morris
6 THAKAWAH 241F J Old 10-12 — T Grantham
7 P3 ELIZABETHAN AIR 12 A Chamberlain 10-7 — B Clifford (3)
8 0 SUPER BEAUTY 119 Miss S Waterman 10-7 — Mr G Lewis (7)
9 00 THEM TIMES 24 F Jordan 10-7 — J Lodder

6-4 Idoni, 9-4 Thakawah, 4-1 Broughton's Tango, 6-1 Desert Force, 12-1 Constructivist, 20-1 Elizabethan Air, Fermain, 25-1 others.

2.25 EXFORD SELLING HURDLE (£1,742: 2m 3f 110yd) (16)

1 0001 MARIOLINO 5F (S) P Leach 6-12-0 — D Salter (7)
2 4006 TALUS 13 (F) J Bosley 9-12-0 — D Geoghegan (5)
3 F240 CASIENNE 20 (C,F,G) P Murphy 5-11-9 — D Bohan (7)
4 00-0 DESERT PALM 97 (B,C,F,G) R Hodges 8-11-9 — W Irvine
5 U-63 OTHET 15 (F) Mrs S Williams 9-11-8 — S McNeill
6 -F35 PERE BAZILLE 20 (B,C,F,G) P Nicholls 6-11-8 — M A Fitzgerald
7 0PP0 TARMON 12 (B,C,F) A Barrow 5-11-8 — S Burrough
8 1215 TUDOR DA SAMBA 12 (B,C,BF,S) M Pipe 4-11-5 P Scudamore
9 0/00 HIGHTOWN FONTANA 5 (S) R Hodges 12-11-3 T Thompson (7)
10 P-P LITTLE ERNIE 56 M Pipe 7-11-2 — D Richmond (5)
11 /06 OK RECORDS 30 D O'Neill 6-11-2 — C Leahy (5)
12 F422 PASSO ALL'ERTA 12 (V,S) D Deacon 10-11-2 — W Marston (3)
13 / BETTA WIN 2029 D Williams 9-10-11 — J Duggan
14 02P- CUTE ENCHANTRESS 495 T Hallett 6-10-11 — N Downs (7)
15 P EASTER TERM 8 M Channon 5-10-11 — Lorna Vincent
16 500U WOTAMONA 6 B Palling 5-10-11 — D Tegg

2-1 Tudor Da Samba, 4-1 Passo All'erta, 6-1 Mariolino, Pere Bazille, 10-1 Othet, Talus, 14-1 Casienne, Dancing Dancer, 16-1 Wotamona, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 53 winners from 181 runners, 29.3%; J Old, 5 from 19, 26.3%; Mrs S Williams, 3 from 16, 18.8%; P Hobbs, 11 from 80, 13.8%; T Hallett, 3 from 24, 12.5%; R Hodges, 20 from 172, 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 35 winners from 89 rides, 39.3%; P Holley, 7 winners from 33 rides, 21.2%; D Morris, 4 from 25, 16.0%; S Burrough, 10 from 63, 15.9%; Peter Hobbs, 7 from 49, 14.3%; M A Fitzgerald, 8 from 59, 13.6%.

2.55 TIMBERSCOMBE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,612: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 3623 CHIASSO FORTE 27 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 10-12-0 — B Clifford (3)
2 3/5P TOAD ALONG 4 (D,F) J Webber 8-10-12 — H Davies
3 -U52 MONTALINO 7 (D,F,G) G Humphrey 10-10-9 — Peter Hobbs
4 U4PS PANTECHNICON 8 (CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 13-10-5 — Lorna Vincent
5 2423 SHU FLY 22 (F,G) C Broad 9-10-4 — Jacqui Oliver
6 2132 GENERAL MERCHANT 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 13-10-1 A Tory

2-1 Shu Fly, 3-1 Chiasso Forte, General Merchant, 5-1 Montalino, 8-1 others.

3.25 BROMPTON REGIS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,805: 2m 1f) (14)

1 3130 HYMNE D'AMOUR 34 (BF,G,S) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 J Railton
2 3410 THE MINDER 15 (CD,BF,S) G Edwards 6-11-1 — D Salter (7)
3 4341 DONNA'S TOKEN 6 (G) R Brown 8-11-0 (7ex) — Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
4 0-36 SAINT CIEL 88 F Jordan 5-10-12 — J Lodder
5 2P0- MUDDY LANE 308F P Nicholls 5-10-10 — C Maude
6 343- SHELLY'S FOLLY 387 R Hodges 8-10-9 — W Irvine
7 23-1 MISS EQUILIA 15 (G) M Pipe 7-10-8 — P Scudamore
8 0RP0 SANDRO 5 (B,D,F,G) R Baker 4-10-7 — W McFarland
9 400 ALTISHAR 20 D Gandolfo 5-10-6 — P Holley
10 56U4 LUCKY BLUE 6 R Hodges 6-10-6 — A Tory
11 /P-2 ELITE LEO 14 P Hobbs 8-10-5 — Peter Hobbs
12 FF60 RUN FAST FOR GOLD 66 G Balding 6-10-0 — B Clifford (3)
13 0304 ROMANY SPLIT 20 D Nicholson 8-10-0 — R Massey (7)
14 P0/0 JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 28 Mrs J Scrivens 10-10-0 — G Upton

5-2 Donna's Token, 3-1 Miss Equilia, 5-1 Hymne D'Amour, 6-1 Elite Leo, 8-1 Saint Ciel, 10-1 The Minder, 14-1 Lucky Blue, Sandro, 16-1 Romany Split, 20-1 others.

3.55 SOMERSET SOUND NOVICES CHASE (£2,203: 3m) (7)

1 2331 CLAXTON GREENE 12 (C,D,G,S) M Pipe 9-12-0 — P Scudamore
2 11U1 DUBACILLA 12 (CD,G,S) H Cole 7-11-9 — S Burrough
3 P HILL TRIX 85 K Bishop 7-11-4 — A Tory
4 2005 MEDRONHEIRA 14 R Hodges 6-11-4 — W Irvine
5 -PPP PARKY PETE 12 B Scriven 12-11-4 — S Mackey
6 0P4F RAGALDO 14 (B) C Broad 7-11-4 — D Tegg
7 P0 LUCKY MAY 15 Mrs J Dawe 6-10-13 — N Dawe

4-5 Dubacilla, 11-10 Claxton Greene, 20-1 Medronheira, Ragaldo, 25-1 others.

4.25 HUISH CHAMPFLOWER MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1 3001 SWEET N' TWENTY 20 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-12 P Scudamore
2 0342 JADIDH 12 (G,S) Mrs J Dawe 5-10-0 — D Salter (7)
3 1040 CHARMED I'M SURE 13 (B,F,S) P Murphy 6-10-0 D Bohan (7)
4 60FF BY FAR 34 (F) D O'Neill 7-10-0 — D Leahy (5)

4-6 Sweet N' Twenty, 2-1 Jadidh, 5-1 Charmed I'm Sure, 20-1 By Far.

□ Edinburgh racecourse, which showed a trading loss of over £68,000 in 1991, has a projected profit of nearly £28,000 in the draft accounts for 1992.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.05 Joli's Great. 2.30 Lyph. 3.05 Just Moss. 3.35 Jarrwah. 4.05 Raba Riba. 4.35 Lyn's Return. 5.05 Forge.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) — SIS

2.05 THYME MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (All-weather: £1,616: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 5P6/ FLORIDA GOLD 607F (B) Miss L Bower 6-11-4 Mr C Bonner (7)
2 0U JOLI'S GREAT 41 M Ryan 5-11-3 — J Ryan (3)
3 -PPP DERISTONE 15 M Davies 8-11-2 — Mr N Miles
4 63F0 ELWADI 40 R Hoad 8-11-0 — M Hoad
5 0 CITY LINE 17 D Laing 4-10-11 — B de Haan
6 460- HATTON'S FESTIVAL 369 R Champion 6-10-11 M Hourigan (3)
7 P23 LAMORE RITORNA 14 K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-6 A Maguire

5-4 Joli's Great, 5-2 Lamore Ritorna, 7-2 City Line, 10-1 Hatton's Festival, 12-1 Elwadi, 33-1 Deristone, Florida Gold.

2.35 SAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,660: 2m 4f) (6)

1 12R- SAILOR BOY 12F (CD) A Reid 7-12-0 — A Maguire
2 0-PP LYPH 12F (F,G) P Hedger 7-10-0 — R Bellamy
3 0/5- ITS ALL OVER NOW 554 (V,F) Mrs A King 9-10-0 — A Webb
4 /P00 AVERON 15 (C,G,S) C Wildman 13-10-0 — A Procter (5)
5 6F32 DECIDING BID 14 (F,G) Mrs M Long 7-10-0 — Leesa Long (7)
6 601F ALDAHE 40 (CD) B Forsey 8-10-0 — I Shoemark

6-4 Sailor Boy, 9-4 Deciding Bid, 4-1 Aldahe, 6-1 Lyph, 12-1 Its All Over Now, 16-1 Averon.

3.05 BAKER LORENZ HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £2,889: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 3F1F JUST MOSS 3 (C,D,G,S) R Rowe 7-12-0 — M Perrett
2 2188 MISTER FEATHERS 4 (D,F,G) J King 12-11-3 — J Kavanagh
3 5213 LOVE ANEW 106 (F,G) M Dixon 8-10-11 — A Maguire
4 1643 OWEN 33 (D,F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-9 — S Earle
5 5312 THATCHER ROCK 13 (F,S) P Nicholls 8-10-8 — R Greene (3)
6 0U0U NICKNAVAR 13 (D,G) Mrs P Tetley 8-10-0 — D Gallagher
7 63P0 ARMALA 60 J Gifford 8-10-0 — E Murphy

7-4 Thatcher Rock, 5-2 Just Moss, 5-1 Love Anew, Owen, 8-1 Mister Feathers, 12-1 Armala, 16-1 Nicknavar.

3.35 ALPINE HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,625: 3m) (6)

1 -065 CLASSIC STATEMENT 8 (D,F,S) R Lee 7-12-0 — A Maguire
2 0640 LESBET 17 (CD,F) C Wildman 8-11-10 — A Procter (5)
3 -00P DON KEYDROP 49 (CD) Mrs B Sanders 9-11-6 S Smith Eccles
4 11P2 CARFAX 6 (CD,G,S) R Hoad 8-11-3 — M Hoad
5 0031 JARRWAH 21 (C) J Spearing 5-10-0 — A Webb
6 -465 HAWWAR 6 (D,BF) Mrs A King 6-10-0 — R Greene (3)

6-4 Jarrwah, 9-4 Carfax, 5-1 Lesbet, 6-1 Classic Statement, 12-1 others.

4.05 BAKER LORENZ WINTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (All-weather: £1,542: 2m 6f) (4)

1 211U RABA RIBA 21 (CD,BF) J Spearing 8-12-0 — V Slattery
2 05-0 ARCTICFLOW 12 (B) K Thomson 8-11-2 — J Meaves (5)
3 -0PP RAPID ROSIE 31F D Laing 5-10-11 — G Hope (7)
4 0035 SHIRL 14 G Charles-Jones 4-10-2 — D Meade (5)

1-3 Raba Riba, 7-2 Shirl, 8-1 Arcticflow, 20-1 Rapid Rosie.

4.35 TARRAGON HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,610: 2m) (4)

1 5431 ALWAYS READY 14 (CD,G) R Lee 7-12-0 — A Maguire
2 111 LYN'S RETURN 14 (CD) R Simpson 4-12-0 — D Gallagher
3 6R03 WILTSHIRE YEOMAN 10 (D,G,S) P Hayward 13-11-0 — A Procter (5)
4 0601 COMANECI 7 (CD,G) R Juckes 5-10-11 (6ex) — R Davis (5)

4-5 Lyn's Return, 3-1 Always Ready, 4-1 Comaneci, 6-1 Wiltshire Yeoman.

5.05 MARJORAM NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,572: 2m 2f) (4)

1 5123 FORGE 14 (CD) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-10 — A Maguire
2 05P3 CANDLE KING 7 (G) H Manners 5-10-11 — M Bosley
3 6R52 WEST BAY 7 (BF) T Thomson Jones 7-10-10 — S Smith Eccles
4 5012 MUNDAY DEAN 14 (B,C) R O'Sullivan 5-10-9 — D O'Sullivan (3)

7-4 Forge, 9-4 West Bay, 11-4 Munday Dean, 9-2 Candle King.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Simpson, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; T Thomson Jones, 10 from 31, 32.3%; Mrs B Sanders, 23 from 72, 31.9%; R Lee, 4 from 14, 28.6%; R O'Sullivan, 7 from 37, 18.9%; C Wildman, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Grantham, 3 from 10, 30.0%; S Smith Eccles, 9 from 31, 29.0%; R Greene, 4 from 14, 28.6%; A Maguire, 16 from 57, 28.1%; M Hoad, 4 from 21, 19.0%; A Webb, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

Sunday point hopes to draw 10,000

THE Point-to-Point Owners' Association is hoping to attract 10,000 spectators to Britain's first Sunday point-to-point meeting at Ashorne, Warwickshire, on April 25 (Brian Beel writes).

Trial Sunday meetings were run at Doncaster and Cheltenham last year and, in common with them, cash betting will again be forbidden.

The Jockey Club plans another Sunday fixture this season and those racecourses hoping to stage the programme have until tomorrow to submit their bids. The stewards are expected to make their decision next Monday.

A "much more aggressive" marketing approach was promised by Sunday racing campaign chairman Nigel Clark. "Marketing is becoming more and more important in racing, and we will be marketing Sunday racing much more aggressively," promised Clark.

Hill referred to Jockey Club stewards

TRAINER John Hill was referred to the stewards of the Jockey Club after an incident at Southwell yesterday. Hill was called before the local stewards following a complaint from a member of the public after Hill's Atlantic Way landed the Saddlebar Claiming Stakes.

The stewards held an inquiry under Rule 97 (ix), which states: "No person shall prevent, or seek to prevent, another person from claiming a horse." After hearing the evidence, they referred the case to Portman Square.

Bill Turner, the Sherborne trainer, completed his first double over jumps with Cleeveland Lady and Shaston at Plumpton yesterday.

Cleeveland Lady took division one of the Catford Maiden Hurdle by three and a half lengths while Shaston overhauled previous course winner Heyfleet in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase.

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Moxon hit by another injury mishap

MARTYN Moxon, the England A captain, is struggling to be fit to take his place in the match against New South Wales that begins in Sydney on Thursday. Moxon bruised his right index finger after being struck by a sharply rising ball from the South Australia fast bowler, Damion Reeves, in scoring 62 on Sunday.

Unfortunately for Moxon, the ball struck the same finger he broke playing for Yorkshire at the start of last season. He admits he has only a 50-50 chance of playing in the next match.

The England A captain's humour was not improved by having to watch his team slump to a seven-wicket defeat in the match that finished at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Moxon has had an unhappy time on recent tours. He broke his hand playing for England A in Bermuda a year ago, which resulted in Hugh Morris taking over as captain and Moxon flying home. Moxon, plagued by hand injuries throughout his career, said: "We're not thinking about x-rays. I'm confident it's only bruising."

Dominic Cork, who has a knee injury, and Graham Thorpe, whose elbow was struck by a fierce shot by Ashley Hammond yesterday, are expected to be fit to play on Thursday, after England at least showed some fight to finish what has been the poorest performance of their tour.

Peter McIntyre, the leg spinner, helped skittle England's second innings for 225 by taking six for 43 to leave South Australia with a simple 70-run target for victory.

Peter Such, England's most successful bowler on tour, threatened an unlikely victory with three wickets in 16 balls of accurate off spin. The wickets raised his tally for the tour to 19, before Webber and Nielsen saw South Australia to victory.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings 152 (D Reeves 4 for 57)

Second Innings

T C Middleton lbw b Wigney	10
M A Roseberry lbw b Hickey	5
*M D Moxon c Wigney b Sleep	62
G P Thorpe b McIntyre	39
M N Lathwell b Brayshaw	6
D J Capel c Siddons b McIntyre	0
†R C Russell b McIntyre	10
D G Cork lbw b McIntyre	22
D J Millns c Nielsen b McIntyre	20
M G Birt not out	23
P M Such c Hammond b McIntyre	5
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	13
Total	225

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-26, 3-115, 4-123, 5-124, 6-136, 7-140, 8-180, 9-207

BOWLING: Reeves 18-2-54-0, Wigney 17-7-21-1, Hickey 16-2-38-1, Sleep 37-13-61-1, McIntyre 29-13-43-6, Brayshaw 1-1-0-1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 308 for 8 dec (J D Siddons 74, D Webber 55, D J Capel 4 for 72)

Second Innings

G Blewett st Russell b Such	23
A Hammond c Middleton b Such	6
J Brayshaw b Such	7
D Webber not out	12
T Nielsen not out	15
Extras (lb 1, nb 6)	7
Total (3 wkts)	70

FALL OF WICKETS 1-29, 2-34, 3-41.

BOWLING: Bolt 10-3-22-0, Millns 4-1-11-0; Such 10-4-2-35-3

Fairbrother brushes off pain to steer England to victory

FROM PETER BALL IN JAMSHEDPUR

A BRAVE innings of 53 not out by Neil Fairbrother here yesterday steered England to their second successive one-day victory over India. England won by six wickets with two balls to spare to take a 3-1 lead in the six-match series. Rain caused a delayed start and led to the match being reduced to 28 overs a side, which became 26 overs after England failed to bowl their quota in the allotted time.

Behind those dry facts is a story of an outstanding performance by England on a day when fielders on both sides had to run the gauntlet of missiles from the terraces.

Neither that nor two painful blows on the inside of his left knee distracted Fairbrother. The first blow, when he had scored only four, required lengthy treatment. The second brought a shout of pain, but he continued with all the grit of a Lancashire professional, reaching his fifty with the winning shot.

Fairbrother needed to enlist Robin Smith as his runner from the eleventh over, and rarely can a man-of-the-match award have been more richly merited. "Where it affects me is that my running between the wickets, and turning ones into twos, is a major part of my game in one-day matches," Fairbrother said matter-of-factly.

His injury was only one of a series of accidents as the ill-luck with injury and illness which has dogged England surfaced again. Stewart withdrew half an hour before the official starting time and Gatting was unable to bat after succumbing to stomach trouble again.

Stewart suffered a muscle spasm in training on Sunday. He had apparently recovered overnight but then felt it go again during his warm-up.

With Atherton so thoughtlessly left in Bangalore, along with Tufnell, because the party had to be reduced to 15 to fit into the small aircraft taking them to Jamshedpur, the loss of Stewart meant that Gooch's plan to bat at No. 6 were immediately put into abeyance after one match.

It also brought in Blakey to keep wicket and bat at No. 8. That position was unlikely to restore his confidence, which could not have been helped by the chairman of selectors remarking that the failure to bring a front-line wicket-keeper on the tour was a mistake.

England had one piece of luck. They won the toss and invited the Indians to bat before rain started falling from grey skies 15 minutes before the start. So far, the one-day results have gone with the toss. On this occasion, the rain denied England the advantage of bowling in the first hour, a considerable one at nine o'clock, but instead offered the inestimable benefit of batting second in a much shortened game.

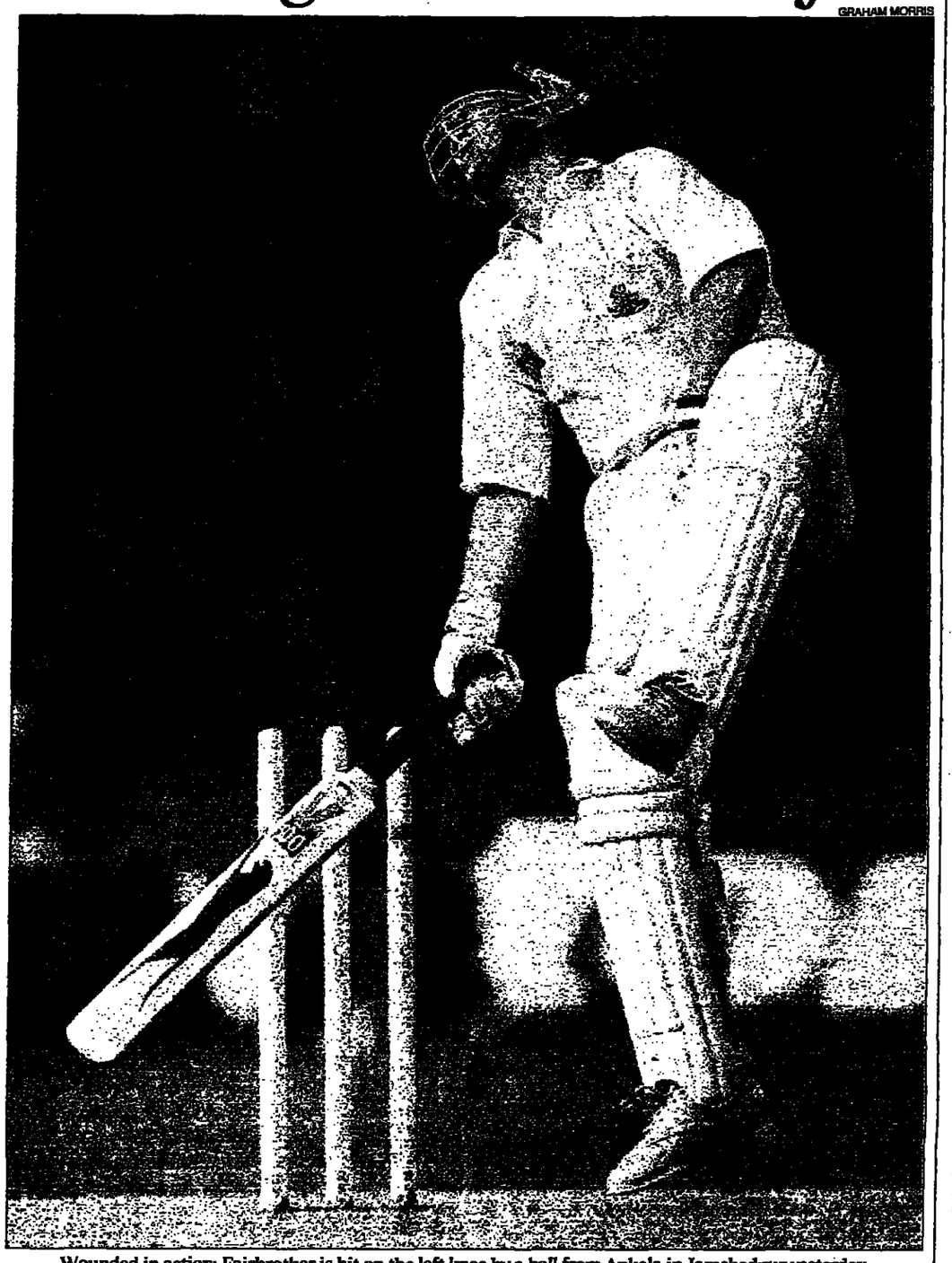
The rain relented to allow play to start at 12.45, 3¾ hours late. The reduction to 28 overs was not to the Indians' liking. England made sure of that, exploiting their hosts' unfamiliarity with the shortened game, bowling tightly and fielding as well as at any time all tour. Malcolm claimed a run-out Lewis would have been proud of and Gooch ran back to hold a good catch to dismiss Amre for 19 off the bowling of Jarvis.

Sidhu (18), Kambli, the run-out victim on 24, Tendulkar (24) and Azharuddin (23) all let the pressure get to them. None went on to build a sizeable innings as their attempts to push the score along led to slogging. Azharuddin played more ugly shots in half an hour than he usually does in a season.

With the disruptions, England bowled only 26 overs, leaving themselves to score 138 for victory. It seemed straightforward but Gooch and Smith looked unhappy at the start of the innings and Hick left after scoring one. Without Gatting, England's batting suddenly looked thin.

With help from Lewis, who contributed 25, and then Reeve (17 not out), Fairbrother, as always, judged things to a nicety.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Wounded in action: Fairbrother is hit on the left knee by a ball from Ankola in Jamshedpur yesterday

JAMSHEDPUR SCOREBOARD

England won toss

INDIA

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
N S Sidhu c DeFreitas b Malcolm	18	-	1	47	28
Cut to third man					
M Prabhakar c Blakey b DeFreitas	2	-	-	10	7
Edged outswinger wide to keeper					
V G Kambli run out (Malcolm)	23	-	1	41	37
Direct hit from third man					
S R Tendulkar b Jarvis	24	-	1	42	32
Making room for offside shot					
*M Azharuddin c Fairbrother b Lewis	23	-	1	30	22
Turned to short mid-wicket					
Kapil Dev not out	15	-	1	28	13
P K Amre c Gooch b Jarvis	19	-	3	11	13
Skyed over shoulder of deep mid-off					
S Ankola run out (Fairbrother-Blakey)	2	-	-	5	3
Batsmen stranded at non-striker's end					
†K S More not out	1	-	-	4	2
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 1)	10				
Total (7 wkts, 115 min, 28 overs)	137				

A R Kumble and J Srinath did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Sidhu 9), 2-46 (Kambli 21), 3-51 (Tendulkar 2), 4-96 (Tendulkar 22), 5-99 (Kapil 1), 6-122 (Kapil 4), 7-127 (Kapil 7).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 4-0-17-1, Malcolm 6-0-17-1 (w 1) (one spell each); Lewis 5-0-25-1 (2-0-8-0, 2-0-13-1, 1-0-4-0); Reeve 6-0-32-0 (nb 1) (one spell); Jarvis 5-0-40-2 (w 2) (2-0-17-0, 3-0-23-2).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 41, 20: 96.

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch c More b Kapil Dev	15	-	1	27	19
Edged to keeper					
R A Smith run out (Ankola-More)	17	-	2	50	27
Attempting third run to third man					
G A Hick c Azharuddin b Ankola	1	-	-	10	8
Edged low to slip					
N H Fairbrother not out	53	-	4	93	52
C C Lewis lbw b Prabhakar	25	-	2	50	30
Defending, half forward					
D A Reeve not out	17	-	2	31	20
Extras (lb 8, w 5)	13				
Total (4 wkts, 134 min, 25.4 overs)	141				

M W Gatting, †R J Blakey, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27 (Smith 6), 2-33 (Smith 13), 3-43 (Fairbrother 4), 4-93 (Fairbrother 26).

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 4-1-10-1 (w 3) (one spell), Prabhakar 5.4-0-34-1 (nb 1) (2-0-13-0, 3.4-0-21-1); Srinath 6-0-38-0 (nb 1, w 1) (3-0-13-0, 3-0-25-0); Ankola 6-0-28-1 (w 1); Kumble 4-0-23-0 (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 43, 20: 94.

Umpires: L Narasimhan and C S Sathe.

Man of the match: N H Fairbrother.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Jaipur: England won by four wickets. Chandigarh: India won by five wickets. Bangalore: England won by 48 runs.

MATCHES TO COME: March 4: Gwalior. March 5: Gwalior.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Badminton moves to protect horses

CROSS-COUNTRY fences at the Badminton horse trials in May will be roped off as a safety move after the death of three horses last year. The take-off area before each jump will be barred to the public, though spectators will still be able to walk the course. The three horses were put down after falls in wet conditions, felt to have been aggravated by the ground being tramped before the cross-country event got under way.

Hugh Thomas, the trials director, said: "Walking the course is a Badminton tradition, but I am sure that our enthusiastic crowds will agree that the best possible conditions for horses are essential." In another move to protect horses, on-the-spot officials will be empowered to prevent a rider carrying on after a fall until a vet or doctor has been called. A new international rule will automatically eliminate a horse with five refusals or run-outs.

There will be ten new fences for this year's championship, from May 6 to 9. The event will be the main British selection trial for the European championships in Germany in September.

Benetton optimistic

MOTOR SPORT: The Benetton Grand Prix team yesterday unveiled its plans for the Formula One season, claiming it is now in a position to beat Williams — a feat it achieved only once in 1992. The team has such a heavy test schedule that its regular drivers, Riccardo Patrese and Michael Schumacher, will be backed by no fewer than three test drivers, Allan McNish, of Scotland, Andrea Montermini, of Italy, and Paul Belmondo, of France, who raced for the March Grand Prix team for the first half of last year. All are hoping the position will provide the kind of opening it gave to Damon Hill.

The team also unveiled its new Benetton-Ford B193A, an upgrade of last year's car, but this will be superseded by an all-new car for the European Grand Prix at Easter.

Injury rules out Nicol

RUGBY UNION: Andrew Nicol, the Scotland replacement scrum half, is out of the squad for the Calcutta Cup match against England at Twickenham on Saturday. Nicol, who won six caps last season in the absence, through injury, of Gary Armstrong, sprung his left shoulder last Saturday playing for his club, Dundee High School FP, against Gala in the McEwan's national league. The injury, however, is not expected to prevent him from going on Scotland's sevens tour this month. Nicol's place on the bench goes to David Millard, of London Scottish. Millard, 28, has played for Scottish Students and Scottish Exiles but is uncapped at either A or B levels.

France reshuffle

RUGBY LEAGUE: France have announced three new caps, Bernard Cartier, Emil Attia and the Australian, Theo Anast, in a reshuffled pack for the visit of Great Britain in the international at Carcassonne on Sunday. Of the forwards, only Didier Cabestany survives from the side beaten 19-18 by Wales in Perpignan last December. The emphasis is on improved defence. Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, has delayed selection until after tomorrow night's heavy domestic programme. The backlog of fixtures has caused the rule on players representing clubs so close to an international to be waived, which has disrupted Reilly's preparations.

Le Moignan off list



SQUASH: Martine Le Moignan, right, the world No. 2, has been excluded from this month's England ranking list after choosing to miss the national championships in January. She is replaced at No. 2 by Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire. As a result of the men's boycott of the same championship, the Squash Rackets Association has elected not to issue a men's ranking list until May.

Cadle rejects Saudis

BASKETBALL: Kevin Cadle has turned down a £100,000-a-year offer to manage the Saudi Arabia national team. The England and Great Britain coach revealed the Saudis' interest after his club side, Guildford Kings, had won the National Cup on Sunday by beating the Worthing Bears 82-72 in the final at Doncaster. "Their offer was for a lot more than I'm making here," Cadle said, "but I chose not to take it because I figured that I preferred to stay and finish the job I've got here. Besides, I didn't know if Saudi was for me. The question was where do you go from Saudi." Cadle will instead pursue his ambitions in the European Cup Winners' Cup with Guildford next season.

BOWLS

Players push for change of image

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE Midland Bank world indoor championships were an outstanding success last week but the euphoria surrounding Richard Corsie's third win could not disguise the dissatisfaction felt by the world's top players at the way the game has lost its impetus.

The World Bowls Players Association (WBPA), whose chairman is David Bryant, announced that is had approached a firm of sports consultants with a view to drawing up its own blueprint for the game.

"The championships this year have been more successful than ever," Bryant said. "But, in television terms, this world event is looking a bit lonely in the schedules. We are getting good viewing figures and a tremendous reaction from the general public, but we want more events."

In response, the sports ruling body, the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC), invited representatives of the WBPA to an impromptu meeting. "The outcome was very encouraging," Bryant said. "The officials of the game are now clearly prepared to listen to what the players have to say. But, although we intend to work with the existing authorities wherever possible, we do have ideas of our own, and intend to explore all avenues to get the game at top level back on course."

Players value the various national championship systems which have enabled them to make their reputations, but complain that their time is increasingly taken up at grass-roots as well as representative level.

For the game's semi-professional players, getting time off work is often a problem. Top players say they are in danger of sacrificing career opportunities, and are missing out on time with their families, with little reward.

A break with the establishment appears unlikely, however, because the WBPA insists that its concern is as much to do with the improvement of the image of the game at all levels as it is with the question of financial return for its top exponents.

HOCKEY

Slocombe takes step up

SUE Slocombe was appointed yesterday as coach to the Great Britain women's team to take the squad through to the next Olympic Games, in Atlanta in 1996 (Alix Ramsay writes). Slocombe has been the England coach since 1986, winning European gold in 1991 — a win that brought her the coach-of-the-year award — and silver in 1987.

She will continue to work with both teams until after the World Cup in Dublin next year.

With a hectic schedule already planned for England over the next six months with the home countries championships, a tour of South Africa and practice matches against France and Spain, Slocombe has a heavy workload to pull together the four home countries in preparation for her first real test with Great Britain at the Champions Trophy in August.

It is not Slocombe's first appointment with the Great Britain team. In 1989, she was assistant coach under Denis Hay, but a clash of personalities soon ended her involvement with the squad.

FOOTBALL

McLean to stand down after 21 years at Dundee United

BY RODDY FORSYTH

THE news that Jim McLean, Britain's longest-serving manager, is to give up managing Dundee United after 21 years, has prompted speculation about his successor and the nature of the job which awaits the new man.

When McLean, 55, walked across the street from Dens Park, where he was assistant coach at Dundee, to Tannadice Park on December 3, 1971, United had never won a major trophy. Today, he can survey an epic management spell that brought the club a championship, two successes in the Scottish League Cup and six appearances in Scottish Cup finals.

In 1983, Dundee United were beaten 3-2 on aggregate by Roma in the semi-final of the European Cup and in 1987, at the end of a particularly arduous season, they lost 2-1 to Gothenburg on aggregate in the final of the Uefa Cup.

Throughout McLean's tenure Scotland managers have habitually called on United players and in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico there were six Tannadice men in Alex Ferguson's squad. The key to this transformation in United's fortunes was McLean's uncanny ability to discern the potential footballer in a raw adolescent and his shrewdness in this respect has perhaps never been equalled in Scotland.

McLean's brood of players has also thrown up a new generation of managers and coaches, such as Walter Smith and Archie Knox, at Ibrox.



McLean: epic spell

McLean's brood of players has also thrown up a new generation of managers and coaches, such as Walter Smith and Archie Knox, at Ibrox, where they are assisted by another two former Dundee United players, Davie Dodds and Billy Kirkwood. McLean's own deputies at Tannadice are Paul Sturrock and Paul Hegarty, a former United captain, but the club has said that the job will be advertised, which suggests to some that a new direction is being sought.

Whoever takes over will probably still have to deal on a daily basis with McLean, who has not indicated that he intends to resign from the post of chairman. That may prove a deterrent to those who would prefer a completely free hand. This was the condition McLean himself demanded when he made the short walk across Tannadice Street 21 years ago.

☐ Tranmere Rovers have failed in an attempt to sign Ronny Rosenthal, the Liverpool forward, on loan until the end of the season. John King, the Tranmere manager, contacted Graeme Souness, his Liverpool counterpart, yesterday morning in an attempt to arrange the deal.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
FRANCE							
Avoriaz	70	185	good	good	overcast	2	22/2
(Extensive skiing available. All lifts open)							
Alpe d'Huez	85	200	good	rocky	overcast	4	28/2
(Good snow at Vaujany and Glacier de Sarenne. Resort busy)							
Flaine	60	250	good	good	overcast	0	22/2
(Good snow at all levels. 17 lifts open, subject to wind)							
Val d'Isère	90	190	good	good	light snow	0	1/3
(Good snow throughout. Winds affecting lifts and links)							
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	70	170	good	good	overcast	3	22/2
(Among the best conditions so far. All lifts and runs open)							
Schladming	85	140	good	good	cloudy	1	28/2
(Best conditions so far. All lifts and runs open)							
Seefeld	60	110	good	good	cloudy	1	23/2
(All lifts and runs open. Best snow on upper slopes)							
Zell am See	20	180	good	good	variable	5	22/2
(Good snow throughout. All lifts and runs open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	85	120	good	good	variable	4	23/2
(Good skiing. All lifts and pistes open. Resort busy)							
Champery	30	60	good	good	overcast	0	22/2
(All lifts and links open. Good conditions)							
C Montana	70	240	good	firn	cloudy	5	22/2
(Best snow above mid-station, but generally good conditions)							
Zermatt	60	160	new snow	new snow	storm	0	1/3
(Great skiing in prospect when storm passes)							
ITALY							
Cortina	30	100	new snow	new snow	snow	0	1/3
(Much improved conditions with new snow at all levels)							
Livigno	50	100	good	good	overcast	-4	28/2
(Great skiing on Carosello. 28/27 lifts open)							
Selva	20	70	new snow	new snow	snow	0	1/3
(Much improved with new snow. All lifts operating)							
Sestriere	80	150	new snow	new snow	snow	0	1/3
(Much improved. Lifts and links open subject to wind)							
ROMANIA							
Poiana Brasov	55	85	good	firm	fine	-3	28/2
(Good skiing throughout. All lifts operating)							
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	50	80	new snow	new snow	snow	-3	1/3
(Great skiing on new snow. All lifts operating)							

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (24111) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (75557598)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5620821) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (4916550)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7574573) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7649753)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (56206840)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among the guests is Samantha Beckinsale (s) (6951024) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29263463)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (68482)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (73697591) **1.50 First Letter First.** Word game show hosted by Don Maclean (s) (65592127)
2.15 Film: In This Our Life (1942, b/w) starring Bette Davis and Olivia de Havilland. Excellent drama about a neurotic family with husband-stealing Davis ruining her sister de Havilland's life and ultimately her own. Directed by John Huston. (363276)
3.50 Pinocchio. Animation (r) (3420666) **4.15 Jackanory.** Chris Barrie with part two of *Jack Crater* (s) (8101598) **4.30 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (6932753) **4.35 Hangar 17.** Fun and games and music. The guests include chart singer Sybil (s) (3329821)
5.00 Newsround (2061269) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Children's drama serial set in a comprehensive school. (Ceefax) (s) (4657043)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (912005). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (95)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (47). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando reports from India; Eamonn Holmes is in Menorca; *Fiona Foster takes a driving holiday in eastern Germany;* and Sue Cook is on a weekend break in York. (Ceefax) (s) (9666)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (31)
8.00 Citizen Smith. Classic comedy starring Robert Lindsay (r). (Ceefax) (8314). Wales: The Noble Guide
8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Ian Botham is joined by Ginny Leng and Robert Jones; Bill Beaumont relies on Andy Goram and Steve Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (7821)
9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party. (Ceefax) (658937)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (865005)
9.35 Smith and Jones. *Mel and Griff* introduce a selection of clips from their comedy series' (r). (Ceefax) (667685). Wales: Week In Week Out
10.05 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. A showcase for the comic characters created by Harry Enfield (r). *(Ceefax) (s)* (272666). Northern Ireland: Country Times 10.30 Harry Enfield



The master of the movie camera: Vittorio Storaro (10.35pm)

10.35 Omnibus: Writing With Light — Vittorio Storaro.
● CHOICE: *Filmgoers who read their credits carefully* will know Vittorio Storaro as an outstanding cinematographer, guaranteed to *give a powerful visual style to whatever movie he works on.* Among the notable ones have been many of Bernardo Bertolucci's, including *The Emperor* for which he won an Oscar. He was similarly honoured for *Apocalypse Now* and *Reds.* David Thompson's portrait uses Storaro's work to examine how lighting, colour and composition contribute to the art of the cinema. The contribution can be formidable, as well-chosen examples testify. Storaro is above all a colourist, convinced that different colours can stir different emotions in the audience. But clips from Coppola's *One From the Heart* are a reminder that not even the finest cameraman in the world can rescue a bad film. (Ceefax) (740395). Northern Ireland: 11.00 Omnibus
11.35 Film: Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs (1988) starring Ed Begley Jr and Harry Anderson. Comedy thriller about a top CIA agent chasing the would-be assassin of the United States president across New York. Directed by James Frawley. *(Ceefax)* (894550). Northern Ireland: 12.00-1.30 Film: Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs
1.05am Weather (4567338). Ends at 1.10
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (993845) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (98932)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Scientific Experiments — Practically Speaking (4761802) **7.10** Biology: Molluscs, Mechanisms and Minds (3262840) **7.35** Landscape: Bodmin and Dorset (7378043)
8.00 Breakfast News (3833376)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of news from both Houses (4086918)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 You and Me** (4914192) **1.20 Johnson and Friends** (s) (87407840) **1.30 Orville and Cuddles** (86185531) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (86184802)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (23773173) **2.15 Six Faces of Royalty.** Sir Roy Strong explores the character and personality of Henry VIII through his portraits (r) (23395869) **2.30 See Hear!** A discussion on the merits of bilingualism for deaf children (r) (signed and subtitled) (s) (68)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3211260) followed by **Westminster Live,** introduced by Ian Macwhirter and John Cole (5745531) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2750821)
4.00 Sentimental. A short film parodying romantic love (1174802) **4.05 Viking Voyage.** Nine man and one woman sail in the wake of the *voyage believed to have been made by Leif Ericsson from Norway* to North America 1,000 years ago (3572531)
5.00 France Means Business. *How the north French industrial city of* Lille managed to change its depressed fortunes (7444)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (24)
6.00 Film: The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) starring Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr. The third screen version of Anthony Hope's swashbuckling adventure about a holidaying Englishman who is called on to impersonate the crown prince of Ruritania after he is poisoned by his evil brother. Directed by Richard Thorpe (31304032).
7.35 Animation Now. Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's *Et Cetera* (208482)
7.45 Assignment: Dying for Sex. *Peter Godwin reports from Thailand* on how the spiralling instances of Aids is being tackled by the authorities in a country that has the world's biggest sex industry (446550)
8.30 Food and Drink. Includes the winner of the competition to find Britain's best banger, fish dishes from a Cornish trawlerman and a recipe for rabbit with prunes (s) (5463)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Off-beat American science fiction drama starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. (Ceefax) (s) (210043)



Benidorm beauties: Geordies get away from it all (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: Away the Lads.
● CHOICE: If the new series of *40 Minutes* was going to startle us with fresh insights, it signally fails tonight. John Alexander's study of nine Geordie lads on holiday in Benidorm is exactly as you would expect. They spend their time reading the British tabloids, downing pints and training their binoculars on the topless girl bathers. They probably do more than watch the girls, but if so the film tactfully averts its gaze. The northeast accents and absence of commentary do not always make for clarity but sample dialogue goes *like* this: "Yer want a bunk-up in Benidorm? Get yerself down there — know *what I mean?" The justification for this mindless existence is that* "it's only 14 days a year and you need to get away from it all and *make a pig of yourself". A local bar owner can only shake his head* and talk about English hooligans. (Ceefax) (s) (593289)
10.30 Party Political Broadcast *by the Labour party. (Ceefax)* (746734)
10.35 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (637482)
11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (780208)
12.00 Weather (1663154)
12.05am Desert Ecology. *How plants and animals survive in the extremes of temperature* (2789626). Ends at **12.30**
2.00 Nightschool TV. *English Language File* (84970). Ends at **4.00**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include actor Christopher Timothy (8249482)
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones has the answers, the contestants have to provide the questions (3183647) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7625173)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme (1251598)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (21069258)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (6433005)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4565937) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57760369)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (300840) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (309111)
2.15 Snooker. The last two fifth round matches in the Wickes British Open, from the Assembly Rooms, Derby (7264227)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3239666) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3238937) **3.20 Blockbusters.** Teenagers' general knowledge quiz, presented by Bob Holness (s) (9473208)
3.50 Rod 'n' Emu. Animation (r) (2754647) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (s) (8108043) **4.15 Dreamstone.** Animated fantasy adventure (r) (s) (9744647) **4.40 Oasis** *Episode nine of the south London-based* (Teletext) (s) (6137598)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6935840)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (539821)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (76840)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (4734)
7.30 Beam and Da Silva. The investigative series continues with a probe into the private companies hired to protect fox hunters from saboteurs and also the links between the saboteurs and the Animal Liberation Front (27)
8.00 The Bill: School of Hard Knocks. The Sun Hill boys in blue have a busy day dealing with stolen milk bottles, counterfeit notes and a missing child. (Teletext) (3482)
8.30 Comedy Playhouse: Wild Oats. Leslie Grantham stars as a man living the life of a carefree bachelor in London — until his son turns *up from the North, looking for work.* With Jonathon Morris. (Teletext) (s) (9269)
9.00 Taggart. The final episode of the murder mystery and Taggart, the uncompromising Glasgow detective, begins to believe that Fraser might be the guilty party. (Teletext) (s) (9531)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party (784111)
10.05 News (Teletext) and weather (267734) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (486205)



Drug victims: Steve Bonner (left), Calvin Sweet (10.45pm)

10.45 First Tuesday: Bad Trip to Edgewood.
● CHOICE: A former army officer says it was even more terrifying than his two spells of service in Vietnam. He was convinced he was going crazy. Lt-Col Bill Jordan is one of 7,000 soldiers used as human guinea pigs in tests with LSD and other drugs. The tests took place at Edgewood Arsenal, in Maryland, a centre for research into chemical and biological warfare. They ran for 20 years, until finally stopped in 1975. The men were warned neither about the dangers nor the after effects, which in many cases have been traumatic. Supreme Court judges later compared the tests to Nazi experiments in the second world war. David Wright's meticulous documentary reconstructs this appalling story, with the help of surviving victims and footage taken by the army at the time. It does not make for comfortable viewing (s) (426647)
11.45 Snooker. Further coverage of the Wickes British Open (769840)
12.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. *Australian drama serial* (5507609)
1.30 The Little Picture Show. Video releases reviewed (21135)
2.30 Film: The Gentle Trap *(1960, b/w) starring Spencer Teakle and* Arthur Hewlett. Thriller about a robber who is mugged while making *his escape from the scene of a heist and robbed of his loot.* He believes he has been double-crossed. Directed by Charles Saunders (12951)
3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (71845)
4.00 The Beat. Music magazine (r) (s) (55680)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French soap (58357)
5.30 ITN Morning News (47680). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (6676043) **6.45 Dennis** (9767289)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (58005)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (37463)
9.30 Schools (875901)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with a round-up of news from both Houses (57227)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning. The guest is Randy Travis (43463) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (65734)
2.00 Film: Don't Make Waves (1967) starring Tony Curtis and Claudia Cardinale. Enjoyable romantic comedy about a man who life takes an unexpected turn after coming into contact with a fiery Italian in southern California. With Sharon Tate in good comedy form and an exceptional title song sung by the Byrds. Directed by Alexander Mackendrick (173753)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialties (b/w) Will Jason concocts a quick meal (2755376)
3.55 Serengeti Has Not Died. A *Survival* documentary about the wildlife *of the Serengeti, including the annual migration of a half a million* wildebeest (1003753)
4.30 Countdown. *Words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (40)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guest is John Robins, once the heir *to the Baskin Robins ice cream business, who went to live in a log* cabin on £350 a year and write. (Teletext) (s) (7334407)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic young children's entertainment (r) (236685)
6.00 Crystal Maze Physical and mental challenges set in a medieval dungeon (r) (s) (74482)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (931802)
7.50 Comment (582956)
8.00 Free For All: School Exclusions. Maxine Tapper, founder of the *African People's Education Group,* wonders whether some exclusions are due to racism in the classroom (1024)
8.30 The Pulse *Emma Freud looks at the government's controversial* Health Service reforms (3901)
9.00 Without Walls: The Art Of Tripping The second of a two-part investigation into the connection between drugs and works of art (Teletext) (s) (7173)



Family at war: Sebastian Rice-Edwards (centre) (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Hope and Glory (1987).
● CHOICE: It says much for the state of our cinema that this very British subject failed to raise a penny of its finance in this country. The first foreign distributors to back the project were the Germans. Since the film is about the British experience of the second world war, this has a certain irony. The writer-director, John Boorman, drew on his own childhood memories for the sharply-observed story of an ordinary London family who are forced out of their home during the Blitz. The events are given a novel perspective by being relayed through the family's nine-year-old son, appealingly played by Sebastian Rice-Edwards. It is with his eyes that we see the destruction and excitement of the bombing, *the joy of playing* cricket with his crusty old grandfather (Ian Bannen) and, above all, *the process of growing up in exceptional times. (Teletext)* (13441647)
12.05am Dream On. *Adult comedy about the romantic entanglements of* a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletext) (s) (7268852)
12.40 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). With singer Pearl Bailey and drummer Louie Bellson (r) (6188512)
1.10 It's Showtime At the Apollo introduced by Chevy Chase (r) (s) (5566406). Ends at **2.05**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9473208) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6935840) *6.00 Home and Away (586192)* **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (277821) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (6550203) **4.30** *Riviera* (87357) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58357)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (9473208) **6.00** Lookaround (63) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (43) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance! (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (6550203) **4.30** Riviera (87357) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58357)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 *A Country Practice* (300840) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (309111) **3.20-3.50** GP (9473208) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6935840) **6.00** Home and Away (586192) **6.25-7.00** Central News (277821) **7.30-8.00** *The Tuesday Special* (27) **12.35** Film: Abroad with Two Yanks (208116) **2.10** The Big E (5814154) **3.05** Sport AM (4698311) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (3624593) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2374845)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (300840) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (309111) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9473208) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6935840) **6.00** Home and Away (63) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (43) **7.30-8.00** House Style (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (6550203) **4.30** Riviera (87357) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58357)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (309111) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (9473208) **6.00** HTV News (63) **6.30-7.00** Good Health (43) **7.30-8.00** The Weekly Eco (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (6550203) **4.30** Riviera (87357) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58357)

HTV WALES
As *HTV West* except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** 4 X 4 **7.30-8.00** A Welsh Life

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (9473208) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (63) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (43) **7.30-8.00** I Can Do That (27) **12.35am-1.30** *Island Son (5507609)* **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (58357)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9473208) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (63) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (43) **7.30-8.00** Billy (27) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (9276672) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (52222) **2.00** 60 *Minutes* (5618970) **2.55** Countdown (8552512) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (61310999) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (9103116)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (309111) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (76840) **7.30-8.00** Bon Voyage (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** Night Beat (6550203) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (87357)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: *1.45-2.15 Blockbusters* (309111) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9473208) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (76840) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (27) **12.35** Film: Days of Wine and Roses (15788319) **2.40** The Little Picture Show (8538932) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (6550203) **4.30** Riviera (87357) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (58357)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9473208) **5.55** Calendar (947043) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (43) **7.30-8.00** Billy (27) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (9276672) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (52222) **2.00** 60 Minutes (5618970) **2.55** Countdown (8552512) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (61310999) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (9103116)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (58005) **9.00** You *Bet Your Life* (37463) **9.30** Schools (875901) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (57227) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (68463) **1.00** Sesame Street (61918) **2.00** The Late Late Show (22192) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5694314) **3.50** Mondrian (2172579) **3.55** Happy Days (4987260) **4.25** Slot 23 (9984647) **5.00** Countdown (5840) **5.30** *Moviewatch* (92) **6.00** News (851482) **6.10** Heno (388376) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2376) **7.30** I'r Gad (69) **8.00** Stell (1024) **8.30** News (791735) **8.55** Lleifior (2741260) **10.00** The Golden Girls (58956) **10.30** Turning the *Screws (70598)* **11.30** *The Avengers* (10043) **12.30-1.25** The Art of Tripping (5599680)

NETWORK 2
Starts: 1.55 Aerocoil (50241531) **2.30** Children's Programmes **6.30** Home and Away (90331956) **7.00** News (41231666) **7.05** Cursai (20054269) **7.35** Perfect Strangers *(70701208)* **8.00** News *(59839005)* **8.05** Crossroads (90867111) **9.00** The Bill (51897802) **9.30** News (13224111) **9.35** ENG (60395550) **10.30** News (32490753) **10.50** American Supermarket (42404032) **11.20** Oireachtas Report (43686983) **11.40-12.35** Rich Tea and Sympathy (18298666)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36090208) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (6540314) **9.10** *Cartoons (2950531)* **9.30** *The Pyramid Game* (11937) **10.00** Strike it Rich (70753) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (80579) **11.00** Hart to Hart (40686) **12.00** Falcon Crest (94260) **1.00pm** E Street (40622) **1.30** *Another World* (4778111) **2.15** Santa Barbara (939376) **2.45** Maude (938647) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (928260) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5109937) **5.00** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (5127) **6.00** Games World (7579) **6.30** E Street (1531) **7.00** Rescue (1866) **7.30** Family Ties (9753) **8.00** Murphy Brown (7774) **8.30** Anything But Love (9821) **9.00** *Gabriel's Fire* (59111) **10.00** Designing Women (65260) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (98918) **11.30** Studs (76937)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am News (78444) **6.30** News and Business Report (609376) **9.30** Nightline (19579) **10.00** Dayline (78395) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (64395) **11.30** International Business Report (82579) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (68111) **1.30** Good Morning America (69640) **2.30** Parliament *Live* (9488376) **3.15** *Parliament Live* (2179640) **4.30** News and Business Report (7956) **5.00** Live at Five (63173) **6.30** News and Business Report (92395) **7.30** Target (8686) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (215666) **10.30** Nightline (89260) **11.30** ABC World News Tonight (82869) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (8780785) **1.30** ABC News (69318) **2.30** *Target* (25837) **3.30** ABC News *(70574)* **4.30** Beyond 2000 (96951) **5.30** ABC News (85864)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2381314)
10.00 The Time Guardian (1987) Androids invade an Australian town (36869)
12.00 Wuthering Heights (1970) Timothy Dalton plays Heathcliff (85685)
2.00pm Tail Gunner Joe (1977) The story of Senator Joseph McCarthy (567531)
4.30 Silver Lode (1954). A man is accused *of murder on his wedding day* (65482)
6.00 The Time Guardian (as 10am) (63314)
8.00 The Bonfire of the Vanities (1991). Tom Wolfe's *Wall Street* comedy (79033734)
10.05 A.W.O.L. (1990). Boxing thriller with Jean-Claude van Damme (810949)
11.55 Kill Me Again (1990). Film noir with Val Kilmer and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer *(605519)*
1.35 A Man Called Sarge (1990): War movie spoof (4318574)

3.00 Once Bitten (1985): Vampire farce with Lauren Hutton (11609)
4.30 Heart Of Dixie *(1989)*: Drama about 1960s students (81406). Ends at **5.59am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Deathtrap (1982). Thriller with Michael Caine as a playwright (21376)
8.00 The Agony and the Ecstasy (1965): Drama about Michelangelo (Charlton Heston) (486192)
10.30 Lipstick (1976). A model seeks *revenge on the man who raped her* (19602) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Detective (1954): Alec Guinness plays Father Brown (38024)
8.00 Dot and the Whale Australian animation and live action (80376)
10.00 Cleopatra (1934) Cecil B. DeMille's epic (17111)
12.00 The Big Broadcast of 1937 *(1936)*: Variety set in a radio station (83227)
2.00pm Avalon (1990). Drama about an extended Jewish family (38490111)
4.10 Dot and the Whale (as 8am) (35561774)
6.00 Vital Signs (1990). Hospital drama with Jimmy Smits (61956)
8.00 Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991) Supernatural chiller about a new anti-Christ (33173)
10.00 Green Card (1990): Romantic comedy about a French immigrant (Gérard Depardieu) (956460)
11.50 Fresh Horses (1988). A college student falls for a teenage drop-out (733821)
1.35am Cold Feet *(1989) A trio of crooks* travel across America (529512)
3.10 Unman, Wittering and Zigo (1971) Eerie thriller about a teacher menaced by his pupils (411947). Ends at **4.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (29043) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (47937) **9.00** Morning Stretch (41289) **9.30** FA Premier League Football (52269) **11.30** Morning Stretch (47802) **12.00** Muscle Night (84482) **1.00pm** US PGA Golf (91260) **3.00** ATP Super Series *Tennis (89519)* **5.00** *One Day International* Cricket (7414276) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (90482) **11.00** ATP Super Series Tennis (92260) **1.00am** Motor World (61932) **1.30** German League Football (20512)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (55956) **8.00** Alpine Skiing World Cup (25937) **9.00** Speedskating World Championships (30208) **10.00** Nordic Skiing World Championships (44840) **11.00** Alpine Skiing World Cup (31376) **12.00** — Eurogoals (79550) **1.00pm** Hand Ball Pans Tournament (85588) **2.00** Tennis ATP Tour (35258) **4.00** *Equestrian* (55821) **5.00** Football — Eurogoals (7005) **6.00** Eurofun (4647) **6.30** Eurosport News (8227) **7.00** Hand Ball (85753) **8.00** Billiards World Championship Germany (93579) **10.00** *International Boxing* (35294) **11.00** Snooker European Highlights (52869) **12.00** Eurosport News (13861)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52589463) **6.15** Button Moon (52584918) **6.30** The All New Popeye *Show (8398024)* **7.00** *Beverly Hills Teens* (2718821) **7.30** Neighbours (2737956) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1344666) **8.30** EastEnders (1343937) **9.00** *The Bill* (1334289) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (6339821) **10.30** Casualty (3757289) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (6600573) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1347753) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6556579) ***1.00** EastEnders* (2717192) **1.30** The Bill (6548550) **2.00** Porridge (2275579) **2.30** Bread (5961753) **3.00** Dallas (6505109) **4.00** Beverly Hills Teens (5952005) **4.30** Deke Wilson's Mini Mysteries (5958289) **5.00** *Candid Camera (2259531)* **5.30** *Give Us a* Clue (5972869) **6.00** Neighbours (5962482) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (1239531) **7.30** Porridge (5959918) **8.00** EastEnders (2288043) **8.30** Bread (2267550) **9.00** *Casualty (2036111)* **10.00** The Bill (1348482) **10.30** Ripping Yarns (1324802) **11.00** Dick Emery (8600753) **11.30** Film. Design for *Scandal (1941)* (9664666) **1.15am** Video Bees (5063203)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Stories Without Words (76024)* **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9122918) **7.15** Widget (650802) **8.45** Jack In The Box (419802) **10.45** *Stories Without Words* (390698) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9209869) **12.00** Boy Dominic (96753) **12.30pm** CDQ (14647) **1.00** Jack In The Box (65444) **3.00** Widget (98550) **4.00** Spiff and *Hercules (2444)* **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (1956) **5.00** Pugwall (3444) **5.30** Saved By the Bell (2208) **6.00** Fame (22666)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Literature, Sweeney Agonistes
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents *music including* J.C. Bach (Quintet in D, Op 11 No 6: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Borodin, compl Glazunov (Symphony No 32 in A minor: USSR State Academy SO, Yevgeny Svetlanov); Prokofiev (Two Pushkin Waltzes: Scottish National Orchestra, Neeme Jarvi); Mozart *(Piano Concerto* No 23 in A, K 488: English CO, Murray Perahia, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Hindemith in the 1920s. *Presented by Andrew Lyle*
10.00 Morning Sequence: *Glazunov (Triumphal March:* RPO under Yondani Butt); J.C.F. Bach (The American Girl: BBC Concert Orchestra, Winston Dan Vogel, with Jozik Koc, baritone); Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat, Dumbarton *Oaks: St Paul CO, Christopher* Hogwood); W.F.E. Bach *(Columbus, or The Discovery* of America: BBC Concert Orchestra under Winston Dan Vogel, with Simon Berridge, tenor, Christopher Foster, baritone); Bernstein (*Three Meditations,* Mass: Israel PO *under the composer, with* Mstislav Rostropovich, cello); Copland (Our Town: LSO under the composer); Donizetti (Cantata: Christopher Columbus: BBC Concert Orchestra, Winston Dan Vogel, with Christopher Foster, baritone); Britten (An American Overture: CBSO under Simon Rattle)
12.00 The Cares of Lovers (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Ulster Orchestra: Oliver von Dohnanyi conducts Dvořák (Legends, Book 1); Janáček (The Fiddler's Child); Suk (Serenade in E flat)
2.00 Lessons for the Lyra Viol: Fancies and dances by Alfonso Ferrabosco II, Coprario, Corkine and William Lawes performed by William Hunt, Richard *Boothby and* Julia Hodgson (r)
2.30 Paris in the 1920s: The French capital proved irresistible for musicians throughout the world *in this* period. Basil Deane introduces a choice of music including Ravel's *L'Enfant et les sortilèges,* Satie's La belle excentrique, Les Six's Les mariés de la Tour Eiffel, Honegger's Pacific 231 and *Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex*
4.30 The Myth Maker: In the last of eight programmes, American *record producer* George Avakian reveals how he made a name for the *Charles Lloyd* Quartet. The group subsequently launched the careers of drummer Jack DeJohnette and pianist Keith Jarrett
5.00 In Tune: Andrew Green *presents* music, news, weather and arts. His guest is the conductor Leonard Slatkin
7.30 Pebble Mill: Live from Studio 1, Birmingham. Michael Collins, clarinet, *Christopher* van Kampen, cello, and Noriko Ogawa, piano, perform Beethoven (Trio in B flat, Op 11); Brahms (Clarinet Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2); Schnittke (Cello Sonata); Brahms (*Trio in A minor,* Op 114). In the interval at **8.10** *Ivan Moody* talks about the composer Alfred Schnittke
9.30 Twenties Season: Aldous Huxley. The Bookshop, the second of five stories read by Edward Petherbridge
9.50 Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra: Jukka-Pekka Saraste conducts Magnus *Lindberg* (Marea); Jukka Tiensuu (MXPZKL); Stravinsky (Symphony in three movements)
10.45 Night Waves: Tony Palmer reviews *the first night of Playland,* Athol Fugard's new *production,* and Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*
11.30 French Impressions: Richard Langham Smith presents the second of four programmes of *French orchestral music.* Franck (Psyché: Berlin RSO, *Ashkenazy*); Magnard (Hymne à la justice: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra, Michel Plasson); D'Indy (Dyptique méditerranéen: Monte Carlo PO, *Georges Prêtre*)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30am From the 'Pool to 100 plus a Fish *(FM only).* Part 3: The 100 Club. George Melly revisits the basement rooms in Oxford where his career began **10.00 Daily Service** *(LW only)*
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love *(LW only).* Episode 9
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray invites you to contribute to the *Woman's Hour* quilt — made by listeners in honour of the *seventy-fifth anniversary of* votes for women. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports
12.00pm You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 Best of My Word!: *Frank Muir* and Denis Norden team up with guests Dilys Powell and Victoria Glendinning in the quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r)
1.55 Shipping
2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: Bookends. Pat Heywood and John Chambers in Sarah Maxwell's comedy about a husband and wife writing team
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: With pianist Brenda *Lucas, best known for her* duets with her husband, the late John Ogdon
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 Your Place or Mine? (FM only): The first collaboration between British *and American* radio documentary makers (r)
3.30 Punters (FM only): Susan Marling airs listeners' views
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott reads Jay *Parini's novel The Last Station* about the final year of Tolstoy's life, a biography *of* country and western singer *Patsy Cline; and reviews Running Dream* at London's Stratford East theatre
4.45 Short Story: A Meat Pie from McManus, by Helen Slavin, *read by Lesley Nicol*
5.00 PM with Wendy Austin and Frank Partridge
5.45 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party 5.50 *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Board Game: The panel is Peter Day, Alastair Ross Goobey, Janette Rutterford and Nigel Whittaker
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jolyon Jenkins reports on whether the government is right to place its faith in privately run prisons
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Contemporaries of Christ: Six prominent people in their *early thirties,* Jesus's age when he died, reflect on his Passion. 1: Charles Kennedy, MP
8.45 In Touch: News and information for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of *the Tambourine*
11.00 The Radio Programme
● CHOICE: If you caught the first transmission of this programme on Sunday, you will know how presenter Laurie Taylor got on as a would-be *reporter.* Don't spoil it for everyone else by telling them whether he got Radio 4's *Today* to accept his item about Somalia after it had said "No thank you" to *his idea for a* report on what Australians in *London thought about the* possibility of Britain's becoming a republic. Other Daniels contemplating entering the *Today* lions' den or other equally intimidating lairs should tune in tonight (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** *Bruno Brookes* **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Lynn Parsons Mega Hits **6.30** News 93 **7.00** Claire Sturgess's Evening Session **9.00** Otis Redding **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Nicky Horne

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.00** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Chris Stuart **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **6.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes over Britain **8.00** Star Quality **10.00** Tango Trail **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: World News **6.09** News About Britain **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** A Century Remembered **1.05** For Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself **1.20** First Steps in Drama **1.40** Wordplay **1.50** Singing Together **2.10** *Time to Move* **2.30** *A Game of Two Halves* **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Glubbslyme **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

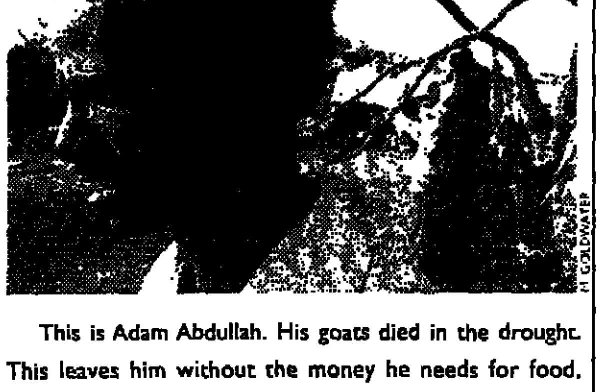
WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** *Programmes in French* **6.59** *Weather* **7.00** *Newsdesk* **7.30** *New Ideas* **7.50** *Writers in A* Nutshell **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** International Recital **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report live **9.15** Inside the Photograph Album **9.30** Sparks from a Precious Stone **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Eastern Sounds **11.00** Newsdesk **11.25** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **12.00** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.05** Outlook live **2.30** Off The Shelf: Yakshi **2.45** Mastersingers **3.00** World News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.25** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** World News and Business Report **5.14** Travel News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** International Recital **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** From A Bruised Shore **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development 93 **3.00** World News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** World News **4.15** Sparks From A Precious Stone

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons with guest John Eliot Gardiner **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Alan Mann **5.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** *The Classic Opera Guide with* Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Evening Concert. Bizet (Jeux D'Enfants); Dohnanyi (Variations on a Nursery Song) **10.00** Adrian Love with guest, the pianist Anya Alexeyev **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Bruno faces moment of truth in world title bid



Frank Bruno yesterday hit the world title trail again. He will take on Carl "The Truth" Williams, of the United States, next month, on the way to what he hopes will be his third attempt at a world boxing title (Bryan Stiles writes). But hard though Bruno tried to keep the focus on Williams at his London news conference, the figure of Lennox Lewis, Britain's World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, soon entered the reckoning. No negotiations have taken place, but the British heavyweights are on collision course and will meet — perhaps next September — if they carry on winning. It will be "potentially the biggest fight ever staged in this country — an 80,000 Wembley sell-out", according to Mickey Duff, Bruno's promoter. But if Lewis loses his crown when he meets Tony Tucker, of the United States, in Las Vegas in May, Bruno will try Riddick Bowe instead. The latter holds the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles. Bruno has a tough assignment in Williams, who has taken on four world champions, losing to all but building a sound reputation. He meets Bruno at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on April 24. He will be Bruno's fourth comeback opponent. Williams was stopped in the first round by Mike Tyson in 1989, seven months after Bruno's vain attempt to dethrone the undisputed world champion. Williams also lost on points to Tim Witherspoon, who halted Bruno in 1986. After 21 months out of the ring, Bruno came back to defeat John Emmen, of Holland, Jose Ribalta, of Cuba, and Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa. Williams has the credentials to halt the show. Photograph: John Manning

Bolt from the blue gives Fletcher cause for complaint

FROM PETER BALL IN JAMSHEDPUR

ENGLAND'S cricket tour to India took a frightening turn here yesterday when both sides were bombarded with dangerous objects by the crowd during the fourth one-day international. A bolt, sharpened at one end, missed Devon Malcolm by inches as he went to field a ball on the boundary, and both sets of fielders were hit by stones.

With India joint hosts for the 1995 World Cup, the crowd behaviour at the previous one-day match at Bangalore, where the notional capacity of 50,000 was seriously exceeded, persuaded some local journalists to evoke images of Heysel and Hillsborough.

In Bangalore, England's fielders were pelted with fruit and cold curry, while in the Bombay Test match, Phillip DeFreitas was hit by a battery. A repetition of yesterday's behaviour would give the International Cricket Council (ICC) serious concern about the security of the World Cup competitors and the image of the game.

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, a man not given to dramatisation, said: "It is not going to be very long before someone gets killed. A bolt about six inches long and sharpened at one end went past Devon's head and stuck in the ground. Potentially, it could have killed him."

If anything, Fletcher's description underplayed the missile's menace. "It could only be described as an arrowhead," Charles Colville, a BSkyB television commentator, said. "If it had hit him it would have killed him."

Although perhaps the action of one lunatic, the bolt throwing was not an isolated incident. At one stage during the England innings, stewards manhandled a pitch invader and the response was a hail of metal scoreboard numbers, bricks and other missiles which drove the Indian fielders away from the boundary and led to a five-minute interruption to play. At the end of play a journalist was hit on the head by an unidentified missile.

"Getting hit by stones is normal," Fletcher said. "The Indians get it as bad as we do. We can't put fielders close to the edge even if we wanted to. It is very disconcerting."

Fletcher handed the bolt to Cammie Smith, the match adjudicator, who will include the details in his match report to the ICC.

A disturbing part of the affair was that the police made no attempt to intervene. "They have a large police presence, and don't do anything," Fletcher said. "They've got to get their act together as far as crowd control is concerned, or someone will get hurt, and seriously hurt."

J. Y. Lele, joint secretary of the Indian cricket board, who was at the ground, said: "We are taking it very seriously. We will be taking measures to ensure it does not happen next time they play here, including



Malcolm: close call

having policemen in the crowd. We will also be considering ways to prevent a repeat in the next two [one-day] matches in Gwalior [on Thursday and Friday]."

Volunteer stewards were in charge of preventing pitch invasions, and Lele said he thought the trouble arose because the crowd did not like the way the stewards beat spectators who jumped the barbed-wire fence and went on to the playing area.

"They can accept beatings from authority, like the police, but not from volunteers," Lele said. "If they want to beat them they should take them outside and do it."

England won yesterday's match by six wickets to take a 3-1 lead in the six-match series.

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London clubs meet in cup semi-final

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WITH a facility the sponsors could only applaud, Ian Beer, the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) senior vice-president, paired the two remaining London clubs and the two Midland clubs in the Pilkington Cup semi-finals at yesterday's draw at Twickenham. Wasps will play Harlequins on April 10 and Leicester will meet Northampton.

By then, the furore that followed Harlequins quarter-final win over Waterloo should have died down. Harlequins will issue a statement today after an internal investigation into allegations that their players wore illegal studs, while the RFU will also have received any details they require over the affair, which hinted at sharp practice by some Harlequins players.

"Any incident affecting the safety of players is obviously of concern to us," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said.

"Law 4 is quite specific on the dimensions of studs. We have not yet received a complaint from Waterloo nor the referee's report on the match, and until those items come in we can't take further action."

Colin Herridge, the Harlequins secretary, said: "It's something we have to address." He confirmed that club officers met players last night to determine whether studs might have been swapped after the referee's inspection.

But Herridge also condemned accusations of foul or illegal play: "If anyone wants to accuse Harlequins of being irresponsible or dirty, they only have to look at our record."

Harlequins also have an enviable record against Wasps in the cup. Although they lost the league game 15-13 with a below-strength pack, they have yet to lose in three cup meetings, the most recent last season's 20-9 win in the fourth round.

The bigger crowd, near 15,000, will be at Leicester, who lost to Northampton 23-7 in the 1990 quarter-final but beat them 13-12 in their league meeting in January at Franklins Gardens.

☐ Pontypridd will meet Llanelli in the Swalec Cup for the fourth time in five years when they travel to Stradey Park to face the holders in the quarter-finals on April 3. In a semi-final last season, Llanelli beat Pontypridd 27-6.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

Leicester v Northampton
Wasps v Harlequins
Ties to be played on April 10

DRAW: Llanelli v Pontypridd; Bridgend v Newport; Neath v Cross Keys; Bonymaen v Swansea. Matches to be played on April 3.

Rangers lose Gough as injuries pile up

BY RODDY FORSYTH

ALTHOUGH Rangers fly to Belgium this morning with a squad of no fewer than 22 players, Walter Smith, the Ibrox manager, can only guess at the resources which may be available to him as the team resumes its campaign in the European Champions' League with a fixture against FC Bruges tomorrow evening. He must do without his captain, Gough, who failed to overcome a hamstring injury, and another international defender, Stevens, will also be left behind because of persistent inflammation of a foot injury.

Of those who will travel, Steven does so more in hope than any expectation of playing, while Durrant is rated by the manager as a marginally more hopeful prospect, being merely "doubtful". Surveying his casualty list yesterday, Smith said: "Brown and Ferguson are also worries and at the moment they are 50-50 to make it. If the game was on Tuesday instead of Wednesday they would definitely be out, but we hope that the extra 24 hours may make a difference."

Brown suffered a badly bruised instep in Rangers' 2-1 victory over Heart of Midlothian on Saturday and Ferguson was substituted during the same game with a twisted back. This, then, is how Rangers approach a meeting with a team that has never lost a European tie at home and that last conceded a goal in European competition to AC Milan three years ago.

Fortunately, from Rangers' point of view, Bruges have been afflicted by similar problems and both Disdzl and Plovie, the preferred partners in central defence, are injured. Booy, the Dutch forward paired with the Nigerian, Amokachi, is disaffected and provocatively stated at the weekend that he hopes a good game against Rangers will induce a Scottish club to sign him.

Nor has Bruges's preparation been ideal. In a snowstorm on Saturday night, they struggled to draw with Lommel, who are bottom of the Belgian first division, and only gained a 3-3 result with a penalty in the final minute after two Lommel players had been dismissed.

Walter Smith, however, preferred to play down the problems facing his counterpart, Hugo Broos, pointing out that Bruges's home record in Europe suggests they have a capacity to rise to the occasion. As for his own concerns, he said: "We're not in the best of positions, but we've been like that for most of the season where players have come in and out of the team and we have coped with it so far. I'm not saying we can cover for all the injuries we have, but we have shown that we have players who are flexible.

"I think that it is very important to us that our attack is intact because Ally McCoist and Mark Hateley have done so well for us and when we lost Ally before we played Marseilles at Ibrox it was a blow for us. Bruges have, by all accounts, had to draft in a midfield player to help out in central defence, along with a player in the final stages of his career as a sweeper and they also have a suspension or two to cope with, so their problems may be our oportunity."

If Rangers have to play without any of their doubtful quintet, Smith will again have to conscript cadets, although Nisbet, favourite to replace Stevens at full back, hardly falls into that category. Murray and Pressley are, however, discovering how the junior ranks at Ibrox find it hard to break into the team for domestic matches, but who are called up for Europe.

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Taylor backs Gascoigne

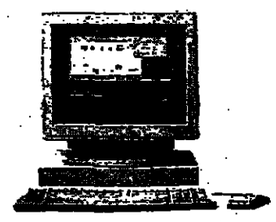
PAUL Gascoigne's first dismissal in Italian football will not affect his international career, according to Graham Taylor, the England manager, yesterday. Instead, Taylor has all but absolved Gascoigne for his part in the flare-up with Mario Bortolazzi in which the England player was sent off after 70 minutes of Lazio's 3-2 victory in Genoa on Sunday.

Taylor, who was in Italy over the weekend to monitor Gascoigne's form and discuss his future with Lazio officials, said: "I have some sympathy for Paul. I'm not saying the referee was wrong, but if the Italian [Bortolazzi] had stayed upright, the decision might easily have been reversed. I'm glad I was able to see for myself what happened. The sending-off will have no implications on Paul's England future."

Gascoigne will learn tomorrow whether he will be suspended by an Italian league commission for one or two games as a result of the dismissal. He will certainly miss Lazio's next league game, against Parma, but a two-match ban would also rule him out of the following match with the runaway league leaders, AC Milan, on March 14.

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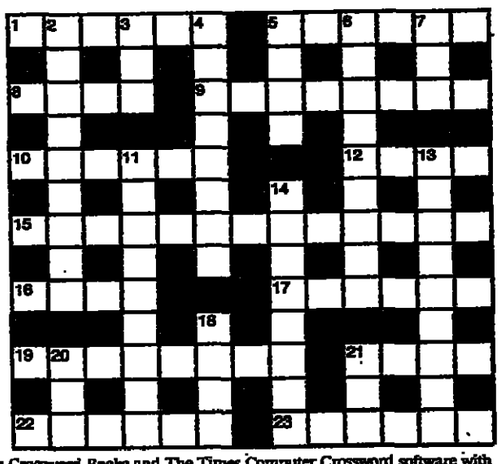
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2 Not embarrassed (9)
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5 Back (4)
6 Conduct (9)
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WORDWATCH

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RHADAMANTHUS
a. A shafted rock plant
b. A stern judge
c. A prophet of doom

CASAQUE
a. A pirate ship
b. Fermented coffee juice
c. A woman's blouse

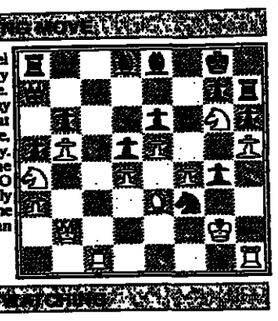
TRONC
a. A protruding nose
b. A box for tips
c. A type of coarse muslin

ITHEL
a. Industrial alcohol
b. Messenger of the Nordic gods
c. A tamarisk

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WINNING MOVE

Later this year Britain's Nigel Short will compete with Gary Kasparov for the world chess title. Kasparov's aggressive style of play has often been compared to that of the great Alexander Alekhine, whose games he studied as a boy. This position is from the game Alekhine — Capablanca, AVRO 1938. Here, white found a highly unusual way to undermine the advanced black knight on f3. Can you see how? *(Raymond Keene)*



Solution on page 40.